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Three Hours' Investigation In River Delta

Patrol Launch Officer Makes A Rendezvous

(Special To "China Mail")

The presence of a Japanese submarine in the Canton River delta, engaged in blockade duties in the near vicinity of Bocca Tigris was revealed this morning following the arrival in Hong Kong of the captain of the Dutch steamer, Reinier, which was detained by officers from the submarine for nearly three hours, while her papers were being scrutinised.

First Dutch ship to be stopped and boarded by blockading craft, the Reinier was on her way to Bocca Tigris with coal from Hong Kong. She was first stopped and boarded by an officer from an armed launch, who, dissatisfied, ordered the master to take the ship to a point where they met the Japanese submarine.

The manager of the Netherlands Harbour Works, agents for the Reinier, told the "China Mail" this morning that the steamer left Hong Kong at 2 a.m. on Thursday last week with 4,000 tons of coal for Bocca Tigris.

At 9.30 a.m. an armed motor patrol boat called her to a halt about two miles from Sai Island, and an officer, two marines, and an interpreter boarded her.

WIRELESS INSTRUCTIONS

After a study of the ship's papers, the officer gave orders which resulted in the arrival of a submarine, with which signals were exchanged. Three officers from the submarine, including the commander, then boarded the Reinier.

Further signals were sent to the Reinier and it appeared that the submarine was in wireless communication with the commander-in-chief of the ships engaged in the South China blockade patrol.

Shortly after noon, after a further exchange of signals, the officers appeared to be satisfied, and released the Reinier.

ANGLO-ITALIAN NEGOTIATIONS QUERIED

London, To-day.

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REVALUATION RUMOUR DENIED

Paris, To-day.

Rumours that the French Government intends to revalue the gold stock held by the Bank of France, in accordance with the new rate of exchange of the French franc, were denied yesterday by Ministry of Finance officials.

Although such revaluation would put the French Treasury in possession of several milliards of francs, it was declared that the measure was not even contemplated.—Trans-Ocean.

AUSTRIA OUT OF LEAGUE

Geneva, To-day.

The League of Nations Secretariat was officially informed by the German Government yesterday of the Austro-German reunion.

As a consequence of the reunion, said the German Note, Austrian membership of the League is now null and void.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE SHIP ON FIRE

Tientsin, To-day.

A Japanese ship of about 1,850 tons, not yet identified, caught fire this morning at about 4 a.m. when near Tangku.

The ship is reported to be burning furiously.

It is not yet known whether casualties have occurred. — Our Own Correspondent.

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You'll Be Wearing Stripes

Harbingers Of Summer Playtime Mode

Stripes are the news in the gay cottons which appear in this season's beach and resort clothes — harbingers of the summer playtime mode.

The spotlight has focussed more brightly than ever on resort fashions this year, since women have come to regard winter clothes for the south as important indicators of summer styles for the north. Many women will buy July's play togs well in advance.

BAYADERE EFFECTS USED

This year's stripes are new and different. Those featured in short, full-skirted beach coats at the recent New York fashion show of the Cotton Textile Institute were multi-coloured rainbow designs or bayadere effects (patterned bands running horizontally). Another gay new group of cottons were splashed with Mexican pottery motifs or bright patterns of starfish and seashells.

In general, this year's sports cottons are less rustic in effect and finer in texture than last year's. Ribs, cords and modified slub weaves in the new muted colours (soft greens, blues and desert hues) are all important.

UPHOLSTERY SATIN

Novel fabrics for nonchalant evening clothes feature striped dotted Swiss and dull-surfaced cotton upholstery satin.

Wools reflect a trend for smoother more casual weaves and softer muted colours. Homespuns, cashmere weaves and sheer porous dress wools are exceedingly smart.

Silks appear in new "swing and swagger" printed designs (floral sprays such as lilies of the valley swooping across a coloured background). Small, gaily-coloured floral prints on dark grounds are also chic.

BAYADERE AND RAINBOW STRIPES. Silhouetted white bayadere stripes running horizontally across black pique set the seal of 1938 on the resort frock at left. A brief bolero covers the low-cut sun back of the dress. At right, stripes in multi-coloured rainbow design pattern a short beach coat of cotton haircord and its attached, peaked hood. The coat has a nipped-in waistline.

Shy Girls Grow Into Old Maids

Hysteria in women produces warped old maids who readily become Cinderellas, says Professor Ernst Kretschmer, of Marburg University, Prussia.

He told the Tavistock Clinic, London, says the "British Medical Journal," that "Physical infantilism, more often a deficient capacity for love, and exaggerated prudishness and shyness in themselves frequently hinder the attainment of concrete, happy love. Such girls are apt to develop into warped old maids.

"On account of their lack of amiability, they readily become Cinderellas.

"She quietly puts up with everything, does not aspire to earthly goods, just requires a modest living, peace and repose. She finally develops into a pseudo-ascetic bigot, or even exhibits a bitter, rebellious attitude of resentment, involving a permanent warping of the character."

FUTURE WEDDINGS

The marriage between Patricia Elizabeth Keam to Hugh Cameron Watson will take place at the Union Church, Kennedy Road, at 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 24.

The forthcoming marriage between Andre Madeline Van Der Stegen, residing at Dina House, Duddell Street, and James Clarence

JUMBLE SALE

A jumble sale is being given by the Ladies Committee of the Union Church, Kennedy Road. The sale which will be held in [illegible] Hall, will take plac[illegible] commencing at 2.3[illegible]

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Pastry flour made from winter wheat is excellent for pies and pastries. Four, fat and liquid should be cold, ice-water giving excellent results. A two-crust pie should have the lower crust brushed with slightly-beaten egg white diluted with 1 tablespoon water and then placed in the oven a moment to coagulate the egg, so that the filling will not soak into the crust. Two-crust fruit pies should be baked in a quick oven, or at about 425 degrees, for 10 minutes, and then in a moderate oven, or at 350 degrees, until done.

Pastry shells are baked in a quick oven, or at 450 degrees, for 10 minutes, reducing temperature then. Pies with a custard filling are baked at 450 degrees for 10 minutes, reducing temperature to about 300, or slow oven, until custard is set. Meringues are baked in a slow oven, or at about 300 degrees, until delicately browned and firm.

PLAIN PASTRY

Mix and sift 1½ cups flour and 1 teaspoon salt. Cut in ½ cup of fat, having pieces of fat about the size of peas. Add ¼ to 1/3 cup ice-water gradually, stirring with a knife or spoon. Toss out on a floured board and roll lightly, with a stroke from the centre outward. Do not turn pastry over and do not press out air by rolling back-and-forth. The less the dough is handled, the more tender the pastry will be.

SWEET POTATO PIE

Have ready a pastry-lined pie plate. To 1 cup mashed sweet potato and ¼ cup sugar, 1 beaten egg, 1 tablespoon butter, a grating of lemon or orange rind and 1 cup rich milk. Mix well and pour into pastry-fined pie plate. Bake as directed.

BUTTERSCOTCH PIE

Have ready a baked pastry shell. Mix 1½ cups light brown sugar, 3 beaten egg yolks and 1 pint milk. Cook over hot water, stirring constantly, until creamy and thick. Add ½ teaspoon vanilla and ¼ cup butter. Turn into the baked shell. Cover with meringue made by beating 3 egg whites until stiff, adding 6 tablespoons powered sugar gradually. Bake in a slow oven, or at 300 degrees, until delicately browned and firm.

APPLE CUSTARD PIE

Have ready a pastry-lined pie plate. Thinly slice 6 apples. Add 2/3 cup of sugar, a few grains nutmeg and the juice of ½ lemon. Turn into the pastry-lined pan. Mix 2 slightly-beaten egg yolks with 1 cup rich milk and pour over the apples. Bake about ½ hour. Just before the apples are tender and the custard is set, cover with a meringue made by beating 2 egg whites, gradually adding 4 tablespoons sugar. Bake in a slow oven, or at about 300 degrees, until delicately browned.

CREAM PIE

Have ready a baked pie shell. Mix ¾ cup sugar, ¼ teaspoon salt and 7 tablespoons flour. Beat 2 egg yolks slightly, add 1 pint rich milk and add to the dry ingredients. Cook over hot water until thick, stirring constantly. A cup of grated cocoanut may be added. Turn into the baked pie shell. Flavour as desired. Cover with meringue made with 2 egg whites beaten with 4 tablespoons sugar. Bake in a slow oven, or at about 300 degrees, until delicately browned and firm.

NEW ENGLAND LEMON PIE

Mix 7 tablespoons cooking cornstarch, 1 tablespoon flour and 1¾ cups sugar. Add 2 cups boiling water and stir constantly until smooth and creamy. Cook over hot water 5 minutes. Mix 4 beaten egg yolks, grated rind of 2 lemons, 1 tablespoon butter and about ½ cup lemon juice and stir into the hot mixture. Cook over hot water 10 minutes, stirring constantly until egg is cooked. Turn into a baked pie shell. Cover with meringue made as follows: Beat 7 egg whites until stiff. Add 12 or 14 tablespoons sugar gradually, beating until well blended. Bake a slow oven, or at about 300 degrees, until meringue is firm and delicately brown.

EGGLESS ORANGE PIE

Have ready a pie plate lined with pastry. Scald 1 cup rich milk. Mix ½ cup cold milk with ½ cup of flour and add to the scalded milk, stirring constantly until creamy and thick. Add 1½ cups sugar, ¾ cup orange juice and, if desired, the grated rind of ½ orange. Turn into the pastry-lined pan. Bake until set. Cover with meringue made by beating 3 egg whites with 6 tablespoons powdered sugar. Bake in a slow oven, or at about 300 degrees, until firm and delicately browned.

ORANGE CHIFFON PIE. Jean Chatburn, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer player, is pictured here in her kitchen at home, preparing a special dessert for dinner. It is orange chiffon pie and is not only very tasty, but also very decorative. The following is the recipe given by Miss Chatburn: Ingredients for Filling—1 package of orange gelatine, 2 egg whites, ½ cup halved and seeded white grapes, 1½ cup of orange juice, ½ cup grated cocoanut, ½ cup heavy cream. Directions for Mixing—Dissolve gelatine in ½ cup hot orange juice, add rest of juice chilled, and let thicken. Beat until light, fold in egg whites that have been beaten stiffly, and cream that has been whipped, with the sugar. Chill until almost firm, add grapes and pour into baked pie shell. Sprinkle with cocoanut, garnish with orange sections and peeled grape halves. Chill until set and serve.

Lunch Menu For 6 People

Crab Cocktail
Creamed Potatoes Green Peas
Mutton Cutlets
Apricot Rice

Cocktail.—Mix up together a tablespoonful each of salad oil, ketchup and Worcester sauce, a dessertspoonful of vinegar, a tablespoonful of chopped cucumber, and a dust of cayenne pepper and salt. Fill into six small glasses or plates with two or three pieces of tinned crab in each. Serve rolled brown bread and butter.

Meat.—Divide two pounds of chined best end neck of mutton into cutlets, and bat out with a heavy knife. Pour about an ounce of oiled butter over, coat with breadcrumbs and fry till brown in two ounces of hot lard in a medium-sized sauté pan. Arrange them overlapping on the potato down the centre of a dish with tined peas at each side or all round. Pour gravy over made from trimmings of the meat fried, then simmered in cold water to cover.

Sweet.—Simmer four ounces of blanched rice in a pint of milk, two ounces of sugar, and a few drops of essence of lemon until it is tender and nearly all the milk absorbed. Mix in a beaten egg and put in a buttered border mould, cover with buttered paper and bake in a moderately hot oven for half an hour (Regulo mark No. 5). Turn out, and arrange apricots (warmed up) from a small tin, overlapping, round the top, and pour over the juice heated up, sweetened and flavoured with essence of lemon to taste, and thickened with a heaped teaspoonful of cornflour. Sprinkle with blanched pistachio nut.

SUPPER DANCE

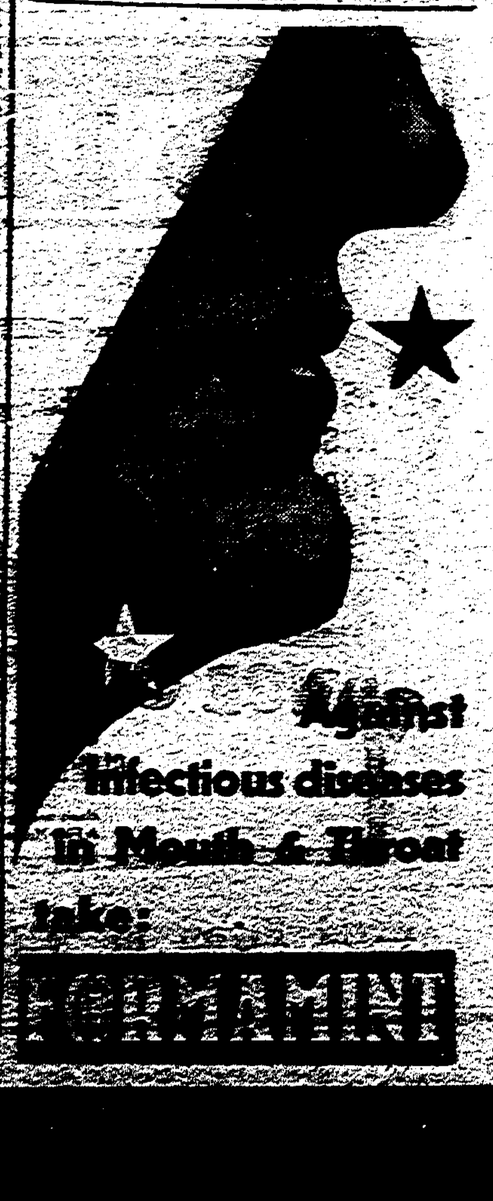
The Public Works Department are holding a supper dance in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday, March 31.

USING UP OLD STOCKING TOPS

Isn't it annoying to find yourself with a pair of silk stockings, the legs of which are still quite good although the feet simply can't be darned any more? But you can still make use of your stockings in a number of ways, and her are some suggestions.

First you can make shoe bags of them. Measure off the length you require from the top of the stocking down, tie a knot, and cut off the part of the stocking below the knot. Run a tape through the top, and the bag is complete. It's a good idea too, to use bags of this sort for the stockings you are wearing. Keep also your mending ones in one bag, and those to be mended in another. The bag prevents the stockings from catching on rough surfaces and laddering.

If you like rug-making, keep all your old silk stockings. They can be dyed, cut into strips and used to make pegged rugs. Or you can use the strips with a very large needle to embroider canvas in an elaborate kind of cross-stitch. If you want a new mat for the bathroom, join strips of silk stockings and crochet them into a chain. Then stitch the chain into a round of the required



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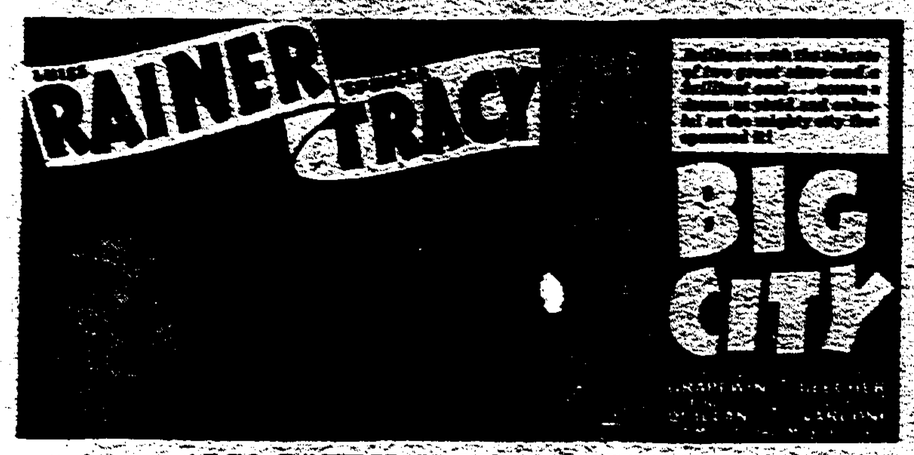

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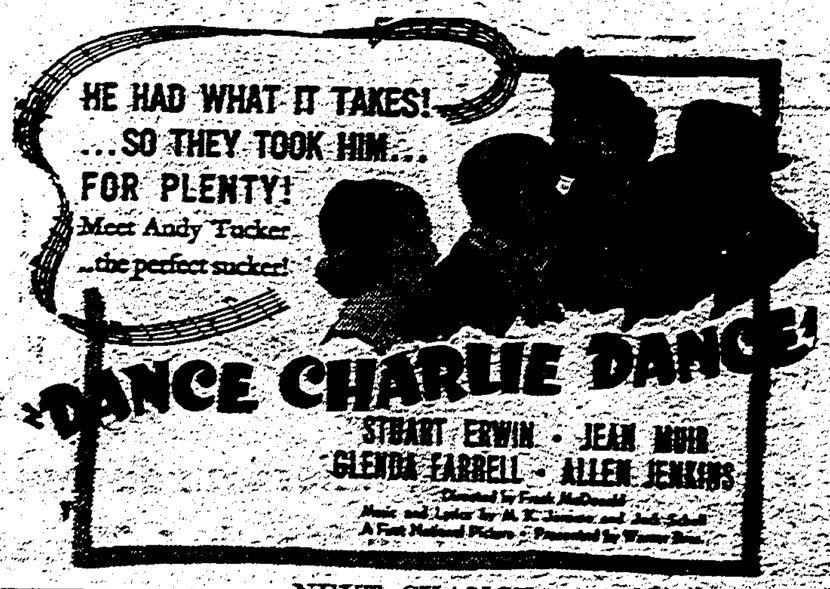

NEXT CHANGE
Errol Flynn in "GREEN LIGHT"
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LIST OF PROMINENT AUSTRIANS NOW UNDER "PROTECTIVE CUSTODY"

Vienna, To-day.

The exact number of persons in Vienna in "protective custody," so Trans-Ocean was informed yesterday, is now 1,742.

In the whole of Austria those in "protective custody" numbered about 3,000.

It is stated that a "number of denunciations have been lodged against Jewish employers for criminal procedure against employees" and that these will be "dealt with by the law courts."

Prominent personalities under arrest include

the former chief of the Austrian press service, Col. Adam;

the financier, Sigmund Bosel, accused of responsibility for collapse of the post office savings bank;

the former Finance Minister, Dr. Ludwig Draxler;

the leader of the Republican Schutzbund and leader of the 1934 revolt, Major Alfred Eisler;

the retired Minister, Hornbostel;

two former burgomasters of Vienna, Seitz and Schwitz;

Dr. Albert Hautsch, who had been entrusted by ex-Chancellor Schuschnigg with arranging the plebiscite;

the ex-general secretary of the Austrian Railways, Dr. Anton Krogner;

the general director of Credit Anstalt, Ludwig Klausner, charged with smuggling foreign exchange out of the country;

the general secretary of the Chamber of Labour, Dr. Friedrich Kuehr, charged with having conducted negotiations with foreign Popular Front politicians for an armed uprising in Austria;

CHIEF OF POLICE

one of ex-Chancellor Schuschnigg's Ministers, Dr. Reiter;

the chief of state police, Dr. Ludwig Weiser;

a former Austrian Minister in Paris, Herr Vollgruber;

the Legitimist leader, Baron von Wiesner;

Prince Ernst Hohenburg;

Karl Freiherr von Werkmann, last secretary of the last Austro-Hungarian Emperor Karl, who translated into German the Memoirs and Diaries of President Woodrow Wilson's famous adviser, Colonel House, and the Diaries of the British Chief of Staff, General Sir Henry Wilson;

the nerve specialist who attended the Duke of Windsor, Dr. Neumann;

the Zionist leader, Robert Stricker, and the banker, Louis Rothschild.

Among those who have fled the country are the Austrian Archduke Felix; Duchess Adelhid, and many others.—Trans-Ocean.

PROTESTS ON BARCELONA INHUMANITY

London, To-day.

In a Commons' answer, the Prime Minister gave the report on the instruction to the British Agent at Burgos to inform the Spanish Nationalist authorities that the recent intensification of the aerial bombardment of Barcelona resulting in heavy loss of life among the civilian population had been viewed with horror by His Majesty's Government and by the British people and that, in these circumstances, His Majesty's Government desired to draw the attention of Franco's Administration to the fact that direct and deliberate attacks on civil populations were contrary to the principles of international law and opposed to the established practice of civilisation, the laws of humanity and the dictates of public opinion.

Mr. Chamberlain added that similar representations had been made by the French Government and His Majesty's Government were inviting the Vatican to do likewise.—British Wireless.

VATICAN ATTITUDE

Rome, To-day.

The Vatican will not protest to General Franco over the bombings of Barcelona, as suggestion for such a protest came from Britain and France, and the Vatican cannot take part in a protest initiative for which comes from another Government.

However, the Pope may use his influence "in a friendly manner" in the direction which was probably in the mind of the British and French Governments when they asked the Vatican to intervene. — Trans-Ocean.

Mr. A. L. Terry of No. 15, Middle Road, lost a hat valued at $20 in the German Club yesterday.

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Governor Of Macao's Visit

The Luncheon arranged by His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief of the China Station for his Excellency the Governor of Macao on Friday, March 25th, will not now take place. At 1.15 p.m. on that day, Their Excellencies the Governors of Hong Kong and of Macao, will lunch at the Hong Kong Hotel with Sir Vandeleur Grayburn, Kt.

BRITAIN REQUESTS THAT JAPANESE TROOPS BE KEPT OUT OF SETTLEMENT

London, To-day.

The Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, is in communication with the Consul-General in Shanghai regarding the desirability of representing to the Japanese Government that Japanese officers and soldiers in uniform should not enter the central district of the International Settlement, which the Japanese troops do not occupy, so as to minimise the risk of incidents.

The position regarding access to British property in the occupied area of the International Settlement had recently improved, said Mr. Butler in the House of Commons yesterday, but there are still areas where access was denied.

The Japanese authorities defend continuance of these restrictions on the ground of military necessity. He hoped, however, that the representations being made would result in improvement of the situation. — Reuter.

MINE MISHAP IN JO'BURG

Johannesburg, To-day.

Nine natives were killed and 13 injured in a fall of rocks in a mine near Johannesburg yesterday.—Reuter.

World's Biggest Silver Coin

London, To-day.

The world's largest silver coin, which comes from China, is to be sold by auction at Glendining's to-day.

It weighs 59 ounces, and is nearly 60 years old.

An inscription on the coin in Chinese tells that it was issued by the Superintendent of the Chinese revenue of the province of Hu-Pei in the sixth month of the eighth year of Kuang-Hsii (the emperor who reigned in 1875).

Until recently it was thought that the Siamese "cricket ball" piece, weighing 39 ounces, was the world's biggest coin.

England's largest silver coin, which weighed about four ounces, was issued by Charles I.

U.S. NAVY BILL PROGRESSES

Washington, To-day.

The House of Representatives yesterday approved the Naval Expansion Bill, which now goes to the Senate.—Reuter.

R.A.M.C. MAN PASSES

In a downpour of rain, accompanied by thunder and lightning, the late Sergeant Henry Dykes, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, who died yesterday morning from heart failure at the Military Hospital, Bowen Road, was laid to rest in the Catholic Cemetery yesterday afternoon.

The band, firing party and buglers, were supplied by the Royal Scots, while the last rites were performed by Rev. C. J. Winstanley.

Among those present at the graveside were Lieut. Col. Crawford Jones, Major W. G. Shakespeare, Lieut. Col. C. S. Smith, Major A. McMillan, Major G. H. Barry, Lieut. Levis, Captain Harvey and Captain R. A. Stephens and men of the 27th Company, R.A.M.C.

The deceased who was only 35 years of age was born in Portsmouth and arrived in the Colony about two years ago. He was admitted to hospital on March 7, suffering from a general collapse and passed away yesterday morning.

He was unmarried and is survived by his father.

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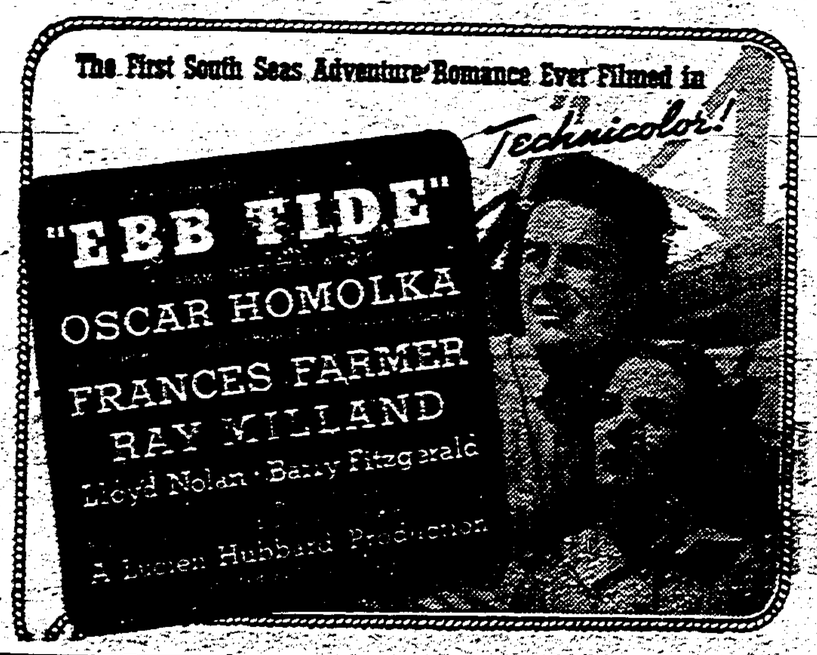

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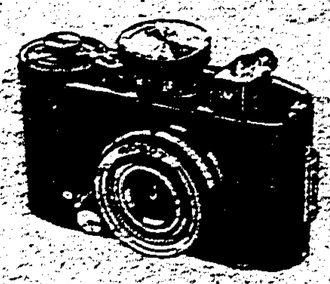

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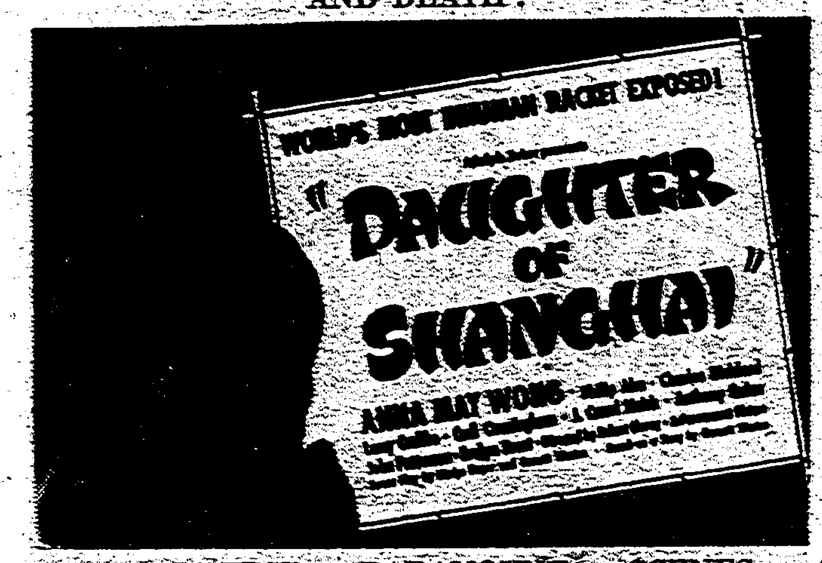

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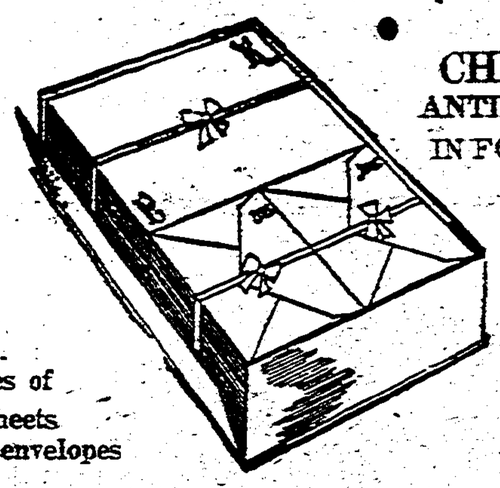

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PREMIER AND THE LEAGUE

London, To-day.

The League of Nations has fifty-eight members, stated the Prime Minister at question time in the House of Commons yesterday.

Since 1931, Mr. Chamberlain added, eight nations had given notice of withdrawal and in three cases the period of notice had already expired.

In reply to a further question the Prime Minister confirmed receipt of the proposal made by the Soviet that a conference should be held on the events in Austria.

The British Government, Mr. Chamberlain said, was giving the proposal consideration.

He added that he had no intention of amplifying this statement before his declaration on foreign policy in the House on Thursday.—Trans-Ocean.

REHABILITATION GRANTS

Tokyo, To-day.

In addition to the 30,000,000 yen loaned for business rehabilitation in China, the Japanese Government has decided to grant 31,200,000 yen more for reconstruction of Japanese cotton mills and Japanese shipping in China.

The funds are being granted through the Japanese Industrial Board.—Reuter.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Peter Watkin Williams, barrister-at-law, of No. 575, Route de Soeurs, Shanghai, and Miss Jane Dickinson Wilkin, of Yarty House, Exminster, Devonshire, England.

M. HERRIOT EXPECTED TO FORM FRENCH CABINET OF NATIONAL UNITY

Berlin, To-day.

The Paris correspondent of the "Berliner Tageblatt" claims to have received "reliable information" that the Blum Cabinet will be replaced by a Government headed by M. Edouard Herriot before the end of this week or, at the latest, next week.

In a message from Paris last evening, the correspondent asserts that President Albert Lebrun has now decided to take the initiative in the forming of a cabinet of National Union, and is now engaged in negotiations with the leaders of all important party groups in the Chamber and Senate.

Although the strictest silence is being maintained in Paris regarding these conferences, the correspondent claims to know that all parties, from Rightists to Socialists, will be given portfolios in the new Cabinet, while the Communists will co-operate passively, that is, by not opposing the new Government.

According to the correspondent, it was originally to give the Premiership to M. Edouard Daladier, but the plan was abandoned.

HERRIOT AGREES

M. Edouard Herriot, who, it will be recalled, twice refused to form a Cabinet after the fall of the Chautemps Government, was then approached by President Lebrun, and the correspondent says, declared his willingness to form a new coalition cabinet. — Trans-Ocean.

SOVIET'S OFFER OF CONFERENCE

London, To-day.

Questioned on the Government's attitude to the proposal of the Russian Foreign Minister that a conference of the major Powers be held to discuss the German annexation of Austria, the Premier said the Government had received the proposal of the Soviet and were giving consideration to it.

He was not, however, prepared to anticipate his general statement with regard to the issues arising from the present situation.—British Wireless.

ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER IN LONDON

London, To-day.

Dr. Jose Cantillo, newly appointed Argentine Foreign Minister arrived in London from Paris yesterday.

He was entertained at luncheon by the Foreign Secretary.

Last evening, there was a reception at the Argentine Embassy and among the large number of guests were the Prime Minister, members of the Cabinet, members of the Diplomatic Corps and the High Commissioner for Australia, Canada, Eire, New Zealand and South Africa.—British Wireless.

CLOUSTON LEAVES SYDNEY

Sydney, To-day.

Flying Officer Clouston and Mr. Victor Ricketts hopped off for England at 5.30 yesterday afternoon (G.M.T.) in their D. H. Comet.

They are attempting to beat the record for the round trip to New Zealand and back.—Reuter.

LEAVE CHARLEVILLE

Brisbane, To-day.

Clouston and Ricketts left Charleville at 8.11 a.m. (local time).—Reuter.

SWITZERLAND AND ANSCHLUSS

Berne, To-day.

The official Swiss attitude towards the Austro-German reunion was defined in a statement issued by the Federal Council yesterday.

The statement declares that Switzerland regards the event as being of the greatest importance, but that it is not considered as a threat to Switzerland.

Switzerland, however, would continue to remain strictly neutral.

Switzerland had received solemn assurances from those nations bordering on her that none desired to abuse her neutrality in any way.—Trans-Ocean.

SWISS NEUTRALITY

Berne, To-day.

The Swiss Federal Council's declaration regarding Swiss neutrality was received with the unanimous approval of the Assembly last evening.

The Vice-President of the National Council assured the Federal President on behalf of all party groups that the Swiss people would support the Federal Government in its task of guarding Swiss security and maintaining the independence and neutrality of the country.—Trans-Ocean.

LENNOX-BOYD SPEECH ON CONTINENT CAUSES SHOCKS

Criticism Of M. P. In House Of Commons

Premier Dismisses Matter As An Indiscretion

London, To-day.

A week-end speech by Mr. A. T. Lennox-Boyd, Conservative M.P. for Mid-Bedford, in which he ridiculed the idea of a British guarantee for Czecho-Slovakia, was raised in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. Arthur Henderson (Labour), who declared that the speech was broadcast to the Continent and caused consternation in Czecho-Slovakia.

Mr. Lennox-Boyd, in a personal explanation to the House, admitted his error.

He assured the House that he had not realised the importance that might be attached to his words, but he would realise in the future that any words he might say must be weighed very carefully before expression.

The Prime Minister said that Mr. Lennox-Boyd, not being a member of the Cabinet, was no party to the Government's policy until it was declared.

Undoubtedly he would have been better advised if he had been more careful in the language he used, especially at a moment of some delicacy.

"INDISCRETION"

He had committed an indiscretion and an error of judgment, and nothing more, and Mr. Chamberlain was quite certain he would be very careful not to repeat it.

The Prime Minister added that the policy of the Government and their attitude towards the question on which Mr. Lennox-Boyd spoke would be disclosed in the House in the course of the present week.—Reuter.

AN UNDER-SECRETARY

The speech of Mr. Lennox Boyd, the new Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour, which it was alleged had been widely cited on the Continent as representing the policy of His Majesty's Government was the subject of a number of supplementary questions in the Commons, which the Speaker ruled out of order. The Premier intervened at one point to ask the Speaker how he might have the opportunity of stating that Mr. Lennox Boyd did not accept the published report of the speech as correct.

The Speaker indicated that he referred only to the supplementaries which arose out of a question to the Prime Minister asking if he would give a specific guarantee of the independence of Czechoslovakia.

The answer to the original question was that he had nothing to add to his reply to a similar question last Wednesday.—British Wireless.

BEAVERBROOK CAMPAIGN

London, To-day.

The "Evening Standard" discusses the Czecho-Slovakian problem in an editorial.

The paper appeals to all reasonable people to curb their enthusiasm for Czech elements.

Pro-Czech enthusiasm should not be allowed to disturb peace and precipitate a new panic.

The paper says that the crisis is ended as far as Britain is concerned.

British sailors and soldiers are not anxious to enter into engagements for the maintenance of Czecho-Slovakian independence, and the paper thinks that Mr. Neville Chamberlain will avoid giving any definite assurances to the Prague Government.

"IMPRUDENT"

The paper says that a policy which leaves the slightest doubt and permits the Czechs at least some hope that Britain may some day come to their help, would be imprudent and that even paying lip-service to the principle of collective security would be dangerous.

"Britain has not the slightest interest in Czecho-Slovakia. The frontiers of Czecho-Slovakia are no concern of the British people and we shall not go to war to maintain or to change them."—Trans-Ocean.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS CONFERENCE

London, To-day.

A conference on foreign affairs took place yesterday between the Prime Minister, Mr. Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, and other members of the Cabinet, at which various communications received from the Dominions on the subject, were discussed.

It is believed in political circles that the Dominions are mostly adverse to any agreement by the British Government to active intervention in continental affairs.

It is expected that Mr. Chamberlain, in his declaration to the House of Commons on Thursday, will stress the non-committal attitude of the Cabinet regarding Czechoslovakia.—Trans-Ocean.

—MR. SUN FO— TO VISIT LONDON

Paris, To-day.

Mr. Sun Fo arrived here yesterday and is staying in Paris for three days.

Interviewed by Reuter he said he would proceed to London from Paris, and expected to see unofficially various political personages.

Mr. Sun Fo returns to China from London.—Reuter.

AMERICA KEPT INFORMED

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister stated in the Commons at question time, that His Majesty's Government have kept the United States Government generally informed of their attitude to recent events in Europe.—British Wireless.

SPECIAL CABINET MEETING

London, To-day.

In reply to several of the questions addressed to him yesterday on foreign affairs, including a private notice question by the Opposition Leader, Mr. Chamberlain invited members to wait the statement he hoped to make at an early date and subsequently he indicated that Thursday would provide a suitable opportunity.

A special meeting of the Cabinet has been summoned for this morning, in addition to the ordinary weekly meeting on Wednesday, and it is understood that to-day's meeting will be devoted to the international situation.—British Wireless.

CHAMBERLAIN TO MAKE STATEMENT ON THURSDAY

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister indicated in the House of Commons yesterday, following persistent implied criticism in questions from the Opposition side of the House, that he may speak on Government policy in respect of the international situation on Thursday next.

He intimated that he would deal with the subject of a British guarantee for the independence of Czecho-Slovakia which is being demanded in some quarters, and M. Litvinoff's invitation to a conference of the democratic Powers, which the Government has received and is considering.

The conversations which are proceeding between the British Ambassador, Lord Perth, and the Foreign Minister of Italy, Count Ciano, in Rome are progressing favourably, said the Prime Minister.—Reuter.

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The Opium Scourge

WHAT WILL JAPAN DO?

FROM behind the matter-of-fact annual report of the Central Opium Board, submitted to the League Council now in session at Geneva, emerges a lively interest in what is happening and is likely to happen in future, regarding growth and manufacture of opium and its derivatives in the those ports of China under Japanese control.

Reports received since Japan extended its control over additional Chinese provinces have not been reassuring. The tentative efforts of Chinese authorities to suppress the drug traffic have been disrupted, and Japanese and Korean pedlars have become more active. The Japanese military apparently propose to extend southward the "Manchurian system" of authorised growth of opium and open sale of drugs.

Members of the League's Opium Advisory Committee have expressed concern for years over Japan's toleration of the extensive manufacture of opium derivatives in Korea, Manchuria and Jehol and the Japanese concession at Tientsin. Estimates presented to the committee in 1937 indicated that 500 kilograms of heroin was exported from Tientsin each week, and found its way to the United States, Canada and Egypt. The Japanese representative on this committee, replying to such charges, spoke only of the "special position" of Tientsin, which lay between two regions having entirely different principles for dealing with the drug problem, and expressed confidence that conditions would improve after restoration of order in North China.

Experience In Manchuria

The reply was reminiscent of one made by the Japanese General Honjo, commanding the Kwantung Army at Mukden in 1931. At that time the Japanese had just taken over Manchuria, where the old Chinese authorities had profited by the growth and sale of opium for years General Honjo claimed that the Japanese would soon improve such conditions; he said they would not abolish drugs at once, but would reduce their use systematically.

More than six years have passed, and there has been no question of Japan's firm control of Manchuria during this period. Yet, according to documepted evidence presented to the Geneva committee in 1937 poppy cultivation has ben systematically increased every year in Manchuria under Japanese control and the sale of opium and its derivatives in 1937, according to Japanese official estimates, was 25 per cent higher than in 1936. The United States representative on the Geneva committee added the charge that about 40 tons of Iranian opium have been imported into Manchuria each year for manufacture into morphine and heroin, and that these drugs find their way to the United States and other countries.

Private inquiries in Teheran in 1935 showed that opium exports to the Far East from Iran are substantial, and that much of the opium is shipped by rail to Manchuria through Soviet Russia. The 1937 report of the Permanent Opium Board, now being considered by the League Council, points out that the Iranian Government has not submitted reports on its opium exports for 1935 and 1936.

Chinese Sought Control

Several years ago many qualified observers in the Far East felt that the League's experts were inclined to give a distorted picture of the drug traffic there by too much dependence upon the reliability of Chinese official figures. At that time, Chinese figures were not taken seriously among those who knew actual conditions at first-hand. But the evidence all indicates that the Chinese have made a vigorous attempt to suppress or reduce traffic in opium and its derivate in the years since 1931.

The important question therefore arises: What will the Japanese do? Will they continue and strengthen the measure for control effectually begun by Gen. Chiang Kai-shek and his associates in recent years? Or will they extend to Chinese provinces south of the Great Wall the so-called "Manchurian system" which has signally failed to accomplish its avowed purpose after six years? The answer to these questions are anxiously awaited by those who have worked through the League for 20 years to achieve international co-operation in controlling traffic in drugs.

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ENGLAND BECOMING HEALTHIER

There has been a remarkable drop in deaths from tuberculosis during the last eight decades, according to the Statistical Review of England and Wales for 1935.

The Review states that a study of the decline in tuberculosis mortality since 1851 showed that the mortality of children under 5 from this cause has fallen to about one-ninth of the level of 1851-60, and of children aged 5-15 to less than one fifth.

At ages 15-25 mortality of men had fallen to one quarter and of women to less than one third, and rates at higher ages had declined to less than one third of their values in 1851-60.

The standardised death rate from respiratory tuberculosis was 28 per cent. lower, and from other forms of tuberculosis about 40 per cent. lower, for each sex in 1935 than the average rate for 1921-30.

Other points in the review are:

Marriage Figures

The number of divorced persons who remarried in 1935 (5,662) was a record. While the number of divorces — 4,069 — was lower than that in 1934, it was higher than in any previous year.

Among the persons marrying in 1936, 3.7 per cent. of the husbands and 14 decimal 9 per cent. of the wives were under 21 years of age. The proportion of husbands was lower than in any recent year.

A comparison of the birth-rate—14.7 per 1,000 population — with that of other countries showed that only Austria, Norway and Sweden had lower rates.

Male births exceeded female births in the ratio of 1,056 to 1,000. This ratio was approached in 1843 and 1844, when 1,054 was recorded, but had only been exceeded once — in 1919, with a ratio of 1,060.

Comparison of infant mortality rates in 1931-35 with those of 1921-25 showed a decline during the 10 years ranging from about 5 per cent. for infants under 1 month to 30 per cent. for infants aged 6—12 months.

The deaths ascribed to cancer during 1935 numbers 64,507—30,780 of males and 33,727 of females. For both sexes these numbers were the highest yet recorded.

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JAPANESE CLAIMS TO T.P.R. CAPTURE NOT CONFIRMED

Severe Battle Fought Out North Of Hanchwang

Chinese Report Attackers Held On Outskirts

Shanghai, To-day.

The Japanese claim yesterday of the capture of Hanchwang still lacks confirmation from Chinese quarters. This town is about 40 kilometres north of Hsuchow beyond the Grand Canal.

According to Chinese reports, the Japanese have managed to reach the northern outskirts of Hanchwang, where they were halted by the Chinese defenders. A battle lasting several hours, in which hand-to-hand fighting occurred, was fought out north of Hanchwang.

Tenghsien is still in the hands of the Chinese, but is being besieged by the enemy. Severe fighting is stated to be continuing around that town. Chinese planes supported the defenders yesterday afternoon, and accounted for over 600 enemy troops.

The bridge across the Grand Canal, connecting the Tientsin-Pukow track has been blown up by the Chinese to meet the event of the Japanese capturing Hanchwang. — Our Own Correspondent.

IMPORTANT VICTORY CLAIMED

Hankow, To-day.

Desperate fighting is raging on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway front as the Chinese and Japanese are locked in a gigantic struggle for possession of Hsuchowfu, according to Chinese reports.

The Japanese forces, supported by aircraft, artillery and mechanised units, are pushing southward along the railway to Hsuchowfu. The Japanese vanguards have already reached Hanchwang by a flanking movement.

The Chinese forces, comprising two army corps under the command of Gen. Chang Tze-chung and Gen. Pang Ping-hsun, are launching a vigorous offensive against the Japanese troops in the vicinity of Lingyi, in south-east Shantung, with the hope of turning the Japanese left flank and thus saving Hsuchowfu.

A Chinese military communique states that the former 29th Army, under Gen. Chang Tze-chung, scored an important victory north of Lingyi, inflicting 4,000 casualties on the Japanese. The Chinese forces are now pushing northward in the direction of Chuhsien and Yishui.—Reuter.

SIND GOVERNMENT RESIGNS

Bombay, To-day.

The provincial government of Sind has resigned.

So far, there is little information regarding the resignation but it is understood the government was defeated in the Legislature last Friday, which amounted to a vote of censure.

A new cabinet of three members has been formed.—Reuter.

Miss Tulloh, of the Peak School, has reported the loss of a clock, valued at $5, from car No. 3662, while it was parked in Connaught Road Central.

Chinese Spring Surprise Attacks On Garrisons In Suiyuan

Peiping, To-day.

Considerable fighting is now proceeding in Suiyuan Province as the result of a strong offensive by Chinese forces.

Reports to this effect have been reaching Peiping persistently and have now been confirmed from a reliable source in Suiyuanfu.

The Chinese forces, taking the initiative, crossed the Yellow River in the North-West corner of Shansi Province, and proceeding rapidly into Suiyuan without encountering opposition, attacked the Japanese garrison to the south of Kweihua.

Although the attack was finally driven off, the Chinese claim to have inflicted heavy losses before retiring to the Yellow River.

The same sources report that Chinese mobile units, operating from bases to the west of Paotaochen have been raiding various places in Inner Mongolia to regions as far east as the north of Kalgan.—Reuter.

THOUSANDS OF ARRESTS IN SOVIET UNION

Moscow, To-day.

The official organ of the Communist Party, Pravda, affirms that no fewer than 132,000 employees in State-controlled industry and commerce in the Soviet Union have been arrested within the past few days on charges of fraud and embezzlement.

The arrested persons represent 10 per cent of the total number of employees in State-organised industry and commerce.

The paper renders the "conspiracy of the Trotskyist and Bucharinist bandits" responsible for the deplorable state of affairs.—Trans-Ocean.

HEAVIEST MARCH RAINS FOR 25 YEARS

Three and a quarter inches of rain have fallen in the last 24 hours, the heaviest March fall for 25 years. It is only 1.4 inches below the average for the whole period since the beginning of the year, and .54 of an inch under the record for March, set in 1913, of 3.79 inches in 24 hours.

The highest rainfall ever recorded in any hour in March is 1.57 inches, in 1888.

Total rainfall this year is now 9.13 inches, or 4.47 inches over average.

Humidity at 10 o'clock this morning was as high as 96 per cent., with the temperature 74 degrees. Minimum thermometer reading during the night was 64 degrees.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone is situated over the Pacific to the east of the Bonins, and there are indications that pressure is again increasing. The depression remains over Tongking and the northern depression is moving north eastward across the Sea of Japan.

Local forecast.—S.E. winds, moderate to fresh; cloudy, showery.

STAN HILL GOING ON FURLOUGH

Mr. Stan Hill, popular cartoonist of the "Sunday Herald," is going on Home leave on April 7 by the R.M.S. Empress of Japan. Accompanied by Mrs. Hill, he will travel via Canada and America for England. He expects to be back in Hong Kong next January.

HEAVY SENTENCES ON FORGERY GANG

"It is a very serious crime you have been convicted of. You are going to prison for a very long period indeed," remarked the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, to a married woman, and three other Chinese who were sentenced at the Criminal Sessions this morning for forgery, possession of implements for making forged bank-notes and for conspiracy to commit a felony.

The case was sequel to the midnight raids by the Police on February 11 when 16 persons, including three women, were arrested in different houses in the Central District.

Five of the original number faced trial at the Supreme Court. There were Cheung Sam-mui, married woman, Wong Yau-sang, Ho Po-ku, Wong Wing-kwok, and Yui Yam-hong. First, third, fourth and fifth accused pleaded not guilty, and the fifth accused was discharged. The second accused admitted all the charges.

The woman was sentenced to six years' hard labour and similar sentences were passed on second and third defendants.

WONG WING-KWOK RINGLEADER

Stating that he was quite satisfied that fourth accused was the ringleader, the Chief Justice sentenced him to seven years' hard labour and ordered that all the forged bank-notes, printing press, and other implements, be confiscated and destroyed.

It was alleged by the Crown that over 3,000 forged bank-notes purporting to be genuine notes of the Canton Municipal Bank and the Bank of Kwangsi, were found in the possession of accused. There were also numerous engraved plates for making notes and a small printing press.

NEAR MISHAP ON STUBBS ROAD

Kwong Yui was this morning fined $20 by Mr. H. R. Butters, at the Central Magistracy, when found guilty of driving car No. 531 without due care and caution in Stubbs Road on February 9.

Nearing a bend near the Shui Fai terrace, defendent overtook a bus in front and caused an ambulance coming in the opposite direction to apply its brakes to prevent a collision.

Mr. F. Brown, of the Fire Brigade, was complainant, while Mr. M. A. Silva was for the defendant.

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FAITH IN LEAGUE

The bluntness of Mr. Neville Chamberlain, who calls a spade and does not hesitate about it, is one of the more fortunate of the Prime Minister's characteristics for it enables him to retain public faith in his honesty and sincerity, even when his attitude arouses criticism. Nevertheless, it is possible to suggest with some confidence that Mr. Chamberlain is backing the wrong horse in Britain in his policy of publicly dismissing the League of Nations as a futile anachronism at every opportunity. Last week, when challenged by Mr. Philip Noel-Baker on the Lithuanian-Polish dispute, he scornfully dismissed the idea that the League could accomplish anything. Previously, he is reported to have said:

"What is the use of saying for the thousandth time that we believe in the principles for which the League was founded and that our policy is directed to make those principles effective? . . . If the League is temporarily unable to fulfill its function . . . what is the use of repeating, parrot-like, that we believe in the League?

There is logic in this retort, but there is surely something more than logic in the question of the League of Nations—there is the matter of faith. For those who do not honestly believe that the world is ready for the League, it is naturally right and proper for them to say so. One opportunity for the British Government to have said so would have been in November, 1935, when, Mr. Chamberlain being then Chancellor of the Exchequer, it went to the country soliciting votes for a policy of "preservation of world peace through the League of Nations." Another opportunity would have been in February, 1936, when it obtained the support of British Labour to its policy of intensive rearmament on condition that the Government "confine itself to commitments inside the League."

Those Britons who do confess to a faith in the League of Nations idea would no doubt have much preferred the Government to state its true attitude toward the League at some earlier stage rather than at this critical juncture in world affairs, and after the influence of the League had been so disastrously undermined by such moves of an avowedly pro-League British government as the Hoare-Laval agreement on Ethiopia and the Simon disavowal in May, 1934, of any British responsibility of helping China when Manchuria was invaded by the Japanese.

For those who confess a faith in the League, as for upholders of any faith, the fact that the idea is badly served does not dispute the fact. The mere reluctance with which any disputes between nations still come before the League, as its present weakened condition shows that, in the view of the general public, if not in that of the governments, the League idea is firmly embedded. Indeed, the elimination of the League to-day is almost unthinkable.

How deeply the idea of a League is rooted in humanity was shown by an illustrious predecessor of Mr. Chamberlain in the British premiership, William Ewart Gladstone, who in 1859, long before the Geneva organization was dreamed of, pointed out in his "Homeric Studies" the existence of a conception of a law of nations that might well bring a blush to managers of modern statecraft. Here is the burden of his comment:

"It was surely a healthful sign of the working of freedom, that in that early age, despite the prevalence of piracy, even that idea of political justice and public right, which is the germ of the law of nations, was not unknown to the Greeks. It would appear that war could not be made without appropriate cause, and that the offer of redress made it the duty of the injured to come to terms. Hence the offer of Paris (to fight Menelaus in single combat) is at once readily accepted, and hence arises Agamemnon's fear, at the moment when he anticipates the death of Menelaus, that by that event the claims to the restoration of Helen will be practically disposed of, and the Greeks will have to return home without reparation for a wrong.

Gladstone speaks of a primitive age of warriors, before treaties were even committed to writing. Yet, as the pages of Homer's Iliad clearly show, disputes between nations were carried on according to rules, which their leaders felt themselves compelled to obey. On soil such as this a world League of Nations can always be raised. Shall it be said that after all its vaunted mechanical devices for killing space, setting the most widely separated nations at each other's door, the world is to-day less ready for a system of collective security than these primitive nations of thirty centuries ago?

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Authorship and Civil Service

It is announced that, "in an attempt to bring to light hidden literary talent among Britain's 350,000 civil servants," the Society of Civil Service Authors is promoting a competition for the best book written by a civil servant during 1938. Such a competition would have created some surprise a few years ago, when if one knew nothing about a poet or novelist or critic one assumed that he was a civil servant, for the ranks of writers of distinction were crowded with Readers and Dobsons and Gosses and Lampsons and Walkleys and Jacobs and Merivales and so on. Indeed it is possible that the unkind legends about the exceedingly short hours worked by civil servants may have been associated with the remarkable output of some members of the service in various departments of literature. Perhaps also people who appreciated good writing were content that it should be so, and that so many civil servants should be able to give to mankind what, in a stricter service, might have been meant for a few archivists.

ENORMOUS INCREASE IN NATIONAL DEBT

Japanese Requirements For China Campaign

BRITONS ADVISED TO EVACUATE

London, To-day.

A British cruiser is arriving in Barcelona in the next few days for protection of British interests.

Britons have been advised to leave the city.—Reuter.

FOREIGN BANKS REFUSE TO DEAL IN NORTH CHINA NOTES

Tokyo, To-day.

Considerable difficulties are being experienced in effecting the issue of notes of the new Federated Reserve Bank of North China, according to reports from Tientsin.

The branches of foreign banks in Tientsin are stated to have refused to accept the new notes, whereupon the threat was made that if they persisted, such banks would have to close their establishments.

Foreign petroleum companies, such as the Standard Oil and Texas Oil, engaged in business in North China, are said to have declared that if the foreign banks close, they would be obliged to cease operations, since they are dependent on foreign banks for doing their business.

The foreign banks have declined absolutely to undertake any transactions in the currency of the new Federated Bank.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE MAIL CENSORSHIP IN SHANGHAI

London, To-day.

Replying to a question by Mr. A. C. Moreing (Conservative, Preston) in the House of Commons yesterday, in regard to the Japanese claim to exercise postal censorship on foreign mails passing through Shanghai, and British protests in this connection, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Foreign Secretary, stated that no answer hitherto had been received to the representations mentioned in his reply on March 9.

However, he had no information in regard to any actual exercise of censorship except for a few newspapers recently detained for a short time.—Reuter.

Compulsory Powers In New Mobilisation Bill

Tokyo, To-day.

Japanese financial circles estimate that loan issues aggregating 5,600,000,000 yen may be expected during the budget year 1938-39.

This amount, it is declared, includes both issues envisaged in the ordinary budget, as well as those credits required for the extraordinary military budget.

As Japanese State indebtedness already amounts to 11,900,000,000 yen, it is to be assumed that by the end of March, 1939, total indebtedness will have risen to 17,500,000,000 yen.

From Japanese sources it is stated that Japanese financial circles believe that it will be possible to raise new loans without recourse to the National Mobilisation Law, that is, without employment of compulsory measures requiring private undertakings to subscribe to State Loans.

CIRCLE EXTENSION

Hitherto, the Bank of Japan and other great Japanese banks and credit societies, post office savings banks and insurance companies were the chief bodies relied upon for acceptance of State Loans but under the circumstances now prevailing, it is thought that extension of this circle would be quite feasible and probable.—Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH OIL STAFFS LEAVING MEXICO

Mexico City, To-day.

British employees of the Mexican Eagle Oil Company, whose wives and children had previously left the country, are now leaving.

Representatives of the foreign oil companies said they were willing to work the oilfields if not hindered by the Mexican Government, and were prepared to undertake an increase in wages amounting to £2,000,000 a year, which is more than the average profits.—Reuter.

The next meeting of the H. K. Aquarium Society will be held on Wednesday, at 8.30 p.m. at the Biological Dept., H. K. University. The Speaker will be Dr. G. A. C. Herklots.

COLONEL BECK ON LITHUANIA'S SOVEREIGNTY

London, To-day.

That Poland has no intention of infringing in any way the sovereignty of Lithuania was the gist of a declaration made by the Polish Foreign Minister, Colonel Beck, to Mr. G. Ward Price, special foreign correspondent of the Daily Mail.

Colonel Beck added that on the contrary Poland would carefully respect the sovereign independence of her neighbour.—Trans-Ocean.

SHEIK OF MOSQUE OF OMAR BADLY WOUNDED

Jerusalem, To-day.

The principal Sheik of the famous mosque of Omar here, Arejounis Husseini, was attacked and severely wounded in the street yesterday when an assailant fired four times at him with a revolver.

All four bullets hit their mark and the Sheik's condition is considered to be extremely critical.

The assailant made good his escape.—Trans-Ocean.

SCOT PRIVATES INJURED IN MANOEUVRES

The "China Mail" learns that during the manoeuvres, two privates, one from the Seaforth Highlanders and one from the Royal Scots, were injured and sent to the Military Hospital in Bowen Road.

Pte. Digney, of the Royal Scots, was travelling in a lorry along the new military road on the south side of the island when the brakes failed. The driver ran the lorry into the side of the cliff, skidded for some distance, and came to a sudden stop as the back axle broke. Pte. Digney was thrown out and was later admitted to hospital suffering from bruises. He is expected to be discharged to-day.

Pte. Carruthers, of the Seaforths, is understood to have been slightly crushed between a launch and a pier during a landing. His injuries were not serious and it is expected that he will be fit for discharge from hospital this afternoon.

FOREIGN AIR LEGION "DE-MOBBED"

Hankow, To-day.

The "Foreign Legion" in the Chinese Air Force has been demobilised by the Chinese Aviation Commission, which yesterday made the following statement:

"In the interests of homogenity, the 14th Bombing Squadron, consisting of eight foreign pilots of various nationalities, has been reorganised.

"Pilots having regular military training have been sent to other squadrons or to the aviation schools as instructors."—Reuter.

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PROTEST AGAINST AU

Over 1,700 Suicides In Vienna Since Anschluss

Geneva, To-day.

A communique issued to the press by the World Jewish Congress protests against the methods employed against Jews in Austria, which it says, are more brutal than against Jews in the Reich.

Well-informed circles state there have been 1,700 suicides in Vienna since the anschluss. Most of them have been Jews but some were Aryans whose political past made their future hopeless.

Medical men are being besieged by applications for veronal and similar narcotics, and the number of arrests has been considerable.

The communique adds that during the last four days there has been an average of 140 burials a day in Jewish cemeteries, against a normal average of four.—Reuter.

NEW ORDER

Trans-Ocean says that a new order issued during the week-end requires that all State employees must produce evidence of pure Aryan blood for at least four generations, together with the marriage certificates of their paternal and maternal grandparents.

It is estimated in unofficial circles that one-tenth of the population of Vienna is Jewish and that there is Jewish blood in 33 per cent. of the people.

SCHOOLMASTERS DISMISSED

Vienna, To-day.

All Jewish schoolmasters in Austria have been dismissed from their posts.

Hero worhippers have been visiting the grave of Corporal Otto Planetta, who murdered Chancellor Dollfuss, and many wreaths have been placed on the grave.—Reuter.

RESIGNATION OF EGYPTIAN ENVOY

Cairo, To-day.

The Egyptian Minister in London, Hafiz Afifi Pasha, tendered his resignation yesterday to King Farouk who, however, reserved his decision.

Nothing is known concerning the reasons which led to the resignation.—Trans-Ocean.

SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES TO MEET

Oslo, To-day.

A meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Scandinavian countries will be held in Oslo on April 5 and 6 at the invitation of the Norwegian Foreign Minister.

The meeting, says an announcement was arranged some time ago, and has no connection with recent events in Central Europe.—Trans-Ocean.

NO ORDERS EVER ISSUED!

London, To-day.

The Japanese Embassy in Peiping had informed the British representative there that no orders insisting on foreigners bowing to Japanese sentries had ever been issued, said the Prime Minister at question time in the House of Commons yesterday.

Instructions had been sent to Tsangchow (where the Rev. Murray was assaulted for refusing to bow to a Japanese sentry) that if the practice existed it should immediately be discontinued.—Reuter.

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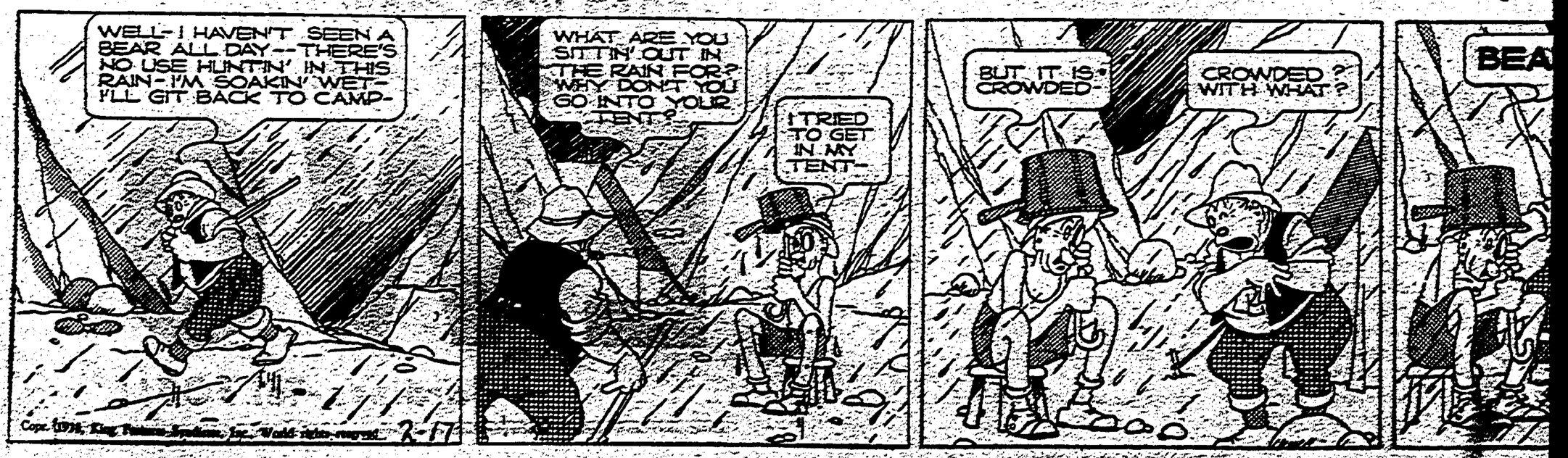

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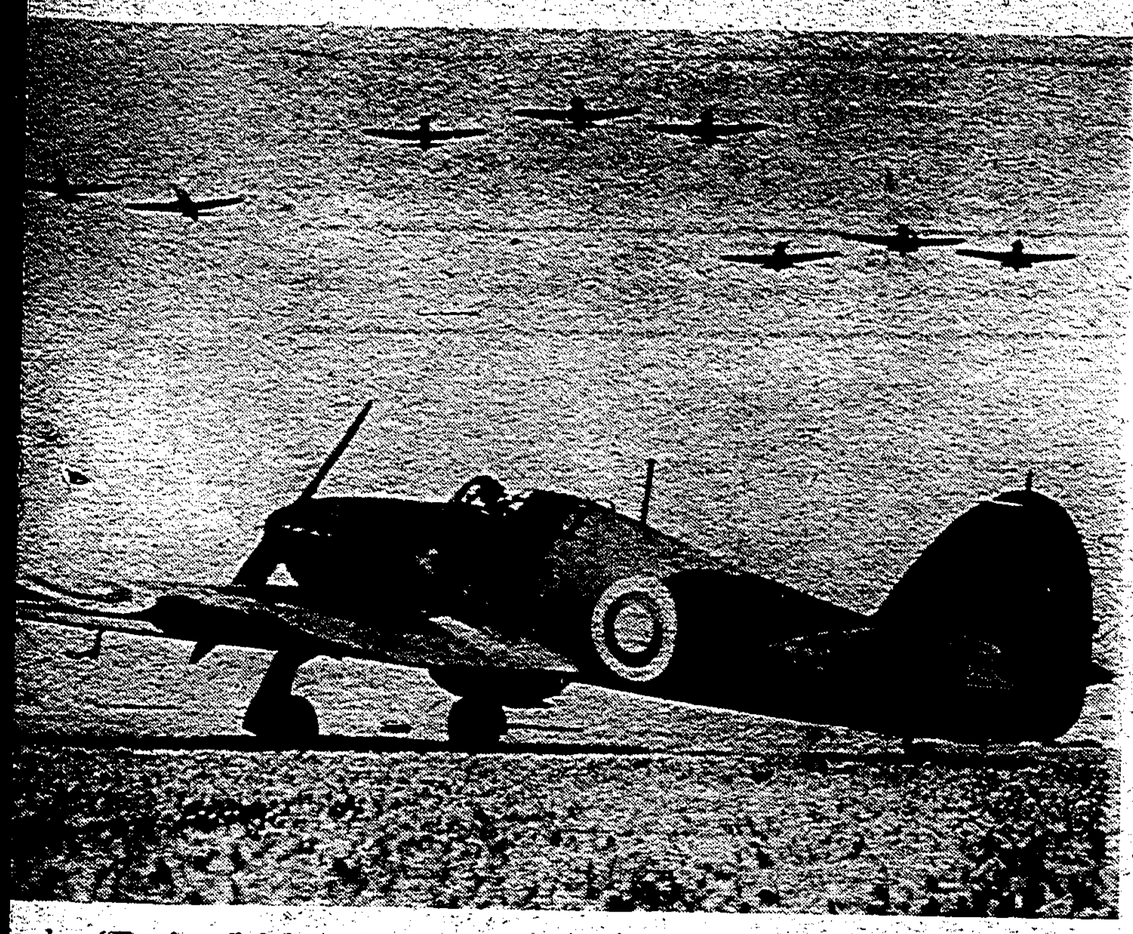

awker "Hurricane" fighters have just been on view for the first time when No. 111 (F) rtholt which is equipped with these machines gave a demonstration. It was one of these cently flew from Edinburgh to London—325 miles—in 48 minutes, an average of 408 .75 by Squadron Leader John Woodburn-Gillan, it set up a new record for land planes at iles a minute and became the first machine to travel at over 400 m.p.h. at night. Photo osite picture showing the new Hurricane machines in flight with another about to take ight: By Air Mail).

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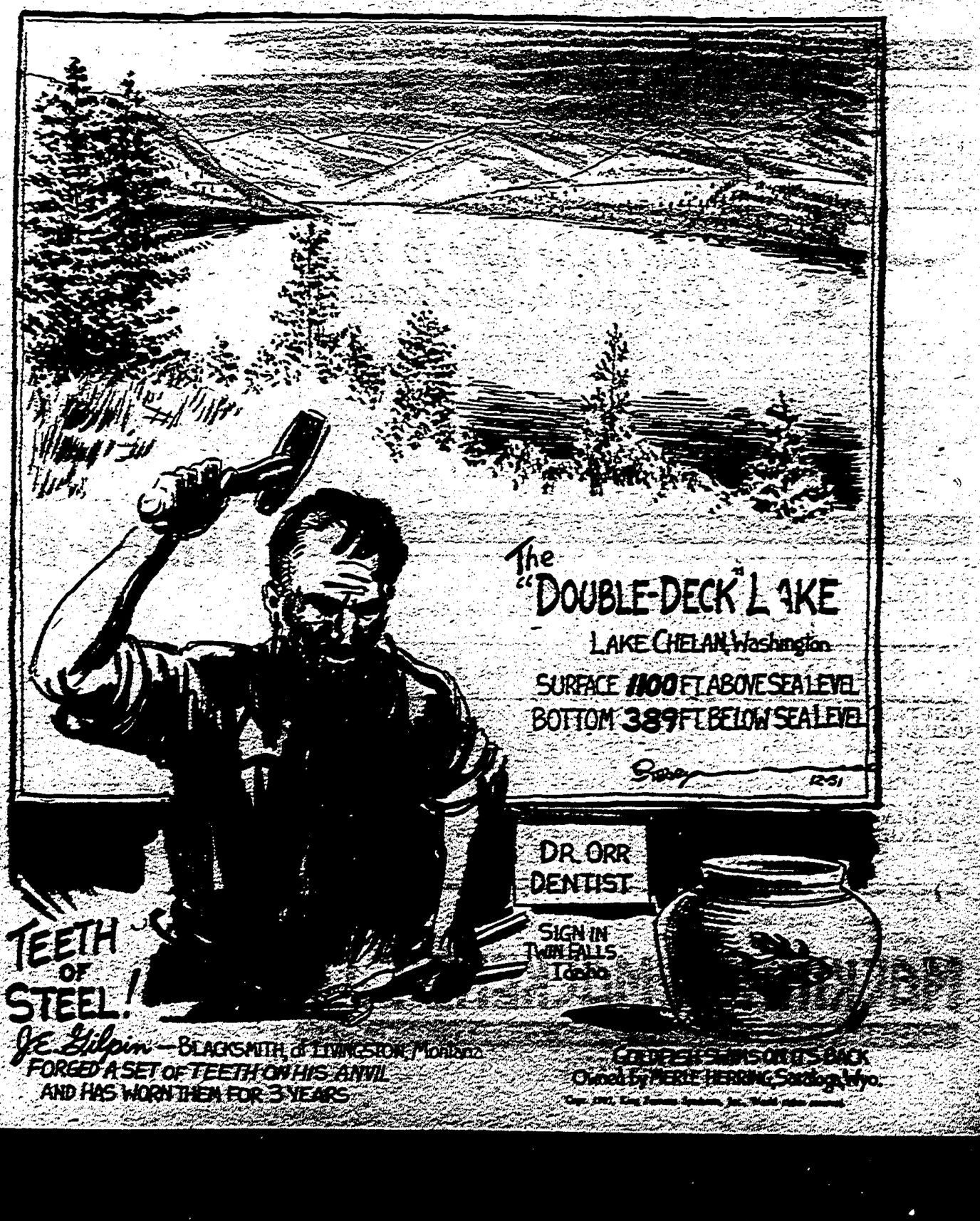

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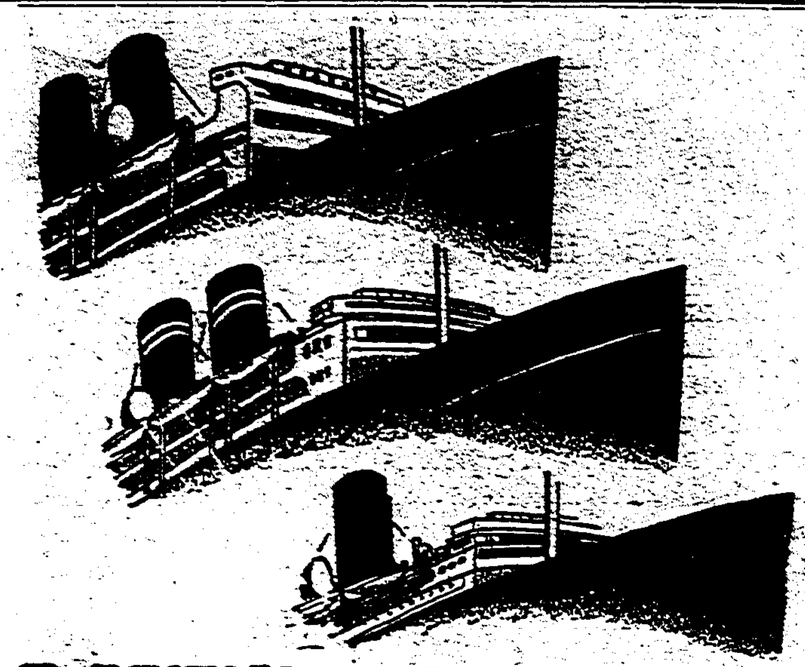

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†*BHUTAN	6,000	23rd Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam, & Antwerp.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	30th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
*BEHAR	6,000	7th May	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam, & Antwerp.
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Swatow	Nanchang	March 22.
Bangkok	Yingchow	March 22.
Japan and Shanghai	Menestheus	March 22.
Shanghai and Amoy	Kiungchow	March 23.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Manila (Seattle date, 26th February)	Pres. Jefferson	March 23.
Straits	Eumaeus	March 24.
Straits	Bhutan	March 24.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco, date, 23rd Feb.)	Pres. Cleveland	March 24.
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Java	Tjisalak	March 24.
Airmail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 16th March.	Imperial Airways Plane	March 24.
Japan	Jeypore	March 24.
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Amoy	Sirdhana	March 25.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., date 5th March).	Emp. of Japan	March 25.
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	Reg.,	Wed., Mar. 23, 8.45 a.m.
	Ord.,	Wed., Mar. 23, 9.30 a.m.
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Kongmoon	Fook On	Mar. 23, 10 a.m.
Swatow	Seistan	Mar. 23, 3 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Mar. 23, 8.15 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Kutsang	Wed., March 23.
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	Parcels, Wed., Mar. 23, 11.00 a.m.	
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	Ord.,	Mar. 23, 5 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Mar. 23, 5 p.m.
	Ord.,	Mar. 24, 6 a.m.
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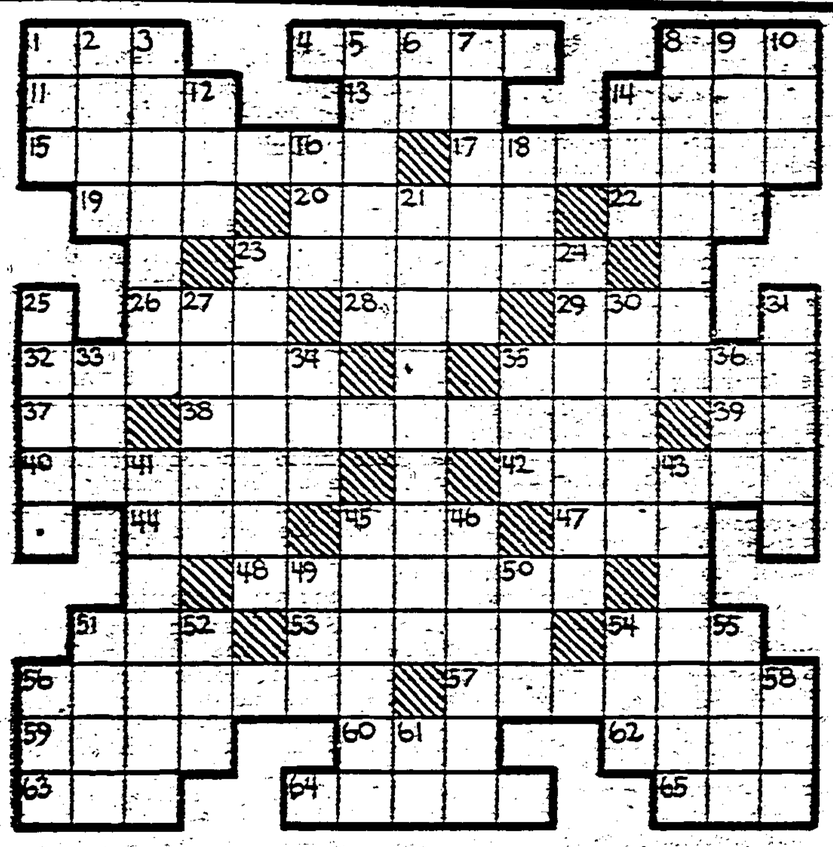

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1–Full of moisture
4–Aloof
8–A constellation
11–A metal
13–Epoch
14–Greek god of war
15–A cavalryman
17–Restrain
19–Streets (abbr.)
20–Secures with tape
22–Small bed
23–Female stage player
26–Terminate
28–Ever (contr.)
29–Chinese pagoda
32–To buy back
35–Made a noise like a cat
37–Chemical symbol for silver
38–Lodestuff
39–Negative
40–Serious
42–Teiter
44–Before
45–Seniors (abbr.)
47–A compass point (abbr.)
48–Effaced

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
51–Part of a fish
53–Held in a vise
54–An insect
56–Hummed in a monotonous tone
57–Allowed
59–Lease
60–Side addition to a house
62–Narrate
63–Affirmative reply
64–Lock of hair
65–Portuguese coin

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1–Humor
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6–Suffix. Pertaining to
7–Course of action
8–Full of interstices
9–Recline
10–A farm animal
12–Numbers (abbr.)
14–Part of a circle

VERTICAL (Cont.)
16–And other things (Lat. abbr.)
18–A letter
21–Electromotive forces
23–Took away (Law)
24–Dwarfed
25–Rubbish
27–Not at any time
30–Surfaces
31–Worship
33–Self
34–A time period (abbr.)
35–Positive (abbr.)
39–A compass point (abbr.)
41–Injuries
43–Lover of Hero
45–A terrapin
46–Bobs
49–Evening (Poet)
50–A man's name (abbr.)
51–Without restraint
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CALCUTTA via Singapore Belawan Deli & Rangoon	Havre Maru	Sat.,	2nd Apr.
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BIG RISE IN WATSON'S H.K. BUSINESS

Although their Hong Kong figures, due to the fact that the stable exchange had operated in their favour, had been most gratifying, some disappointment was expressed at the loss of Canton business owing to the outbreak of hostilities, at the annual meeting of Messrs. A. S. Watson and Company, held this morning in the Jacobean Room of the Hong Kong Hotel.

Mr. D. E. Clark, chairman, said:—

Profit on trading for the year under review, viz. $139,313.42, whilst showing an appreciable increase over the past few years, is however much less than we had reason to anticipate as remittances from our Canton Branch up to the beginning of August last showed marked improvement and gave every indication that this particular account would compensate to some extent for the indifferent results experienced in the past. However, the sudden and unexpected outbreak of hostilities, coming as it did while our Aerated Water season was still at its height, brought Canton trade in general almost to a complete standstill and, consequently, I regret on this account to state that an adverse balance has again to be recorded.

POSSIBLE LOSSES

As you will no doubt appreciate, in August last a large percentage of Canton Aerated Water bottle stock was in the hands of our Agents and dealers there and, although this, for the most part, was secured by deposits, we have deemed it advisable to make provision in the Accounts now before you for possible losses in this connection.

As regards North China, similar precautionary steps have been adopted, namely, the writing down to a nominal sum of certain accounts in that area, although the amount involved is not of much significance.

From the foregoing remarks it will be concluded that our Hong Kong business has participated to a gratifying extent in the improved conditions ruling and no doubt this has partly been due to the fact that a stable exchange has operated in our favour.

IMPROVEMENT CONTINUING

I am pleased to inform you that trade returns covering the first four months of the present financial year show a marked improvement in all Hong Kong departments as compared with the corresponding period of the year under review.

Our Aerated Water machinery and equipment, both here and in Canton have been maintained in excellent condition and, as it has always been the policy of your General Managers to make ample provision for deterioration and replacements, continue to operate to a high degree of efficiency.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, there is very little that calls for comment excepting perhaps the fact that Sundry Debtors and Debit Balances are some ninety thousand dollars higher than a year ago. Your General Managers have given these figures close and careful scrutiny and are fully satisfied that the difference shown is entirely attributable to the increased volume of trade.

$50,000 TO RESERVE

The proposals now before you covering the payment of a dividend amounting to 5% and the allocation of $50,000 to General Reserve will, I trust, meet with your approval. In recommending such transfer to General Reserve, it is felt that, whilst the immediate outlook is hopeful, it is a matter of sound policy to pay due regard to the prevailing unsettled state of affairs in this part of the World and, consequently, to conserve our resources against such contingencies as any arise in the future.

SECONDER'S SPEECH

Mr. R. Johannessen, said:—I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts, and, whilst so doing, I feel sure that I voice the opinion of all Shareholders that the Accounts as set forth show very satisfactory results of the year's working.

It is regrettable that Canton Branch should again have shown an adverse balance but, after the Chairman's explanations, I am sure you will all agree that the result in this connection would have been different had it not been for the unexpected outbreak of hostilities.

I am glad to note that provision has been made for contingencies likely to arise in the near future and all must concur that this is sound practice under the circumstances.

The proposal was carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. J. Scott Harston, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow and Mrs. S. T. Williamson were re-elected directors on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. F. W. Stapleton, while Messrs. C. Bernard Brown and S. T. Butlin, were re-elected auditors on the proposal of Mr. J. A. Tarrant, seconded by Mr. J. E. Jupp.

The following attended:—Mr. D. E. Clark, chairman, Mr. S. T. Williamson and the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow (directors), Mr. Wm. Paterson, secretary, and the following shareholders:—Messrs. N. V. A. Croucher, J. A. Tarrant, Peter Wong, F. W. Stapleton, J. D. Humphreys, J. E. Jupp, C. B. Brown, K. C. Mark, P. C. Potts, R. Johannessen and Wong Kin-tsoi.

RED CROSS WORK IN SPAIN

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister informed the Commons at question-time that the Government had already made a contribution to the International Red Cross Society for the provision of medical and other forms of relief in Spain and were considering the desirability of making a further contribution.—British Wireless.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2-13/16.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London yesterday at 20-7/16 and forward at 20.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.$4.9593 and the New York on London rate at £—U.S.$4.96⅛.

SINGAPORE RAW RUBBER

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co., have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

April/June 22-⅛ b. down ¼.
July/Sept. 22-⅝ b. down ¼.
Oct/Dec. 22-⅞ b. down ¼.
Market: Dull.

Mr. R. A. Rogers was this morning fined $5 by Mr. H. R. Butters at the Central Magistracy when he pleaded guilty to leaving his car unattended, for over two hours, in the Connaught Road Car park.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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The Fifty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on **Thursday, 31st March, 1938, at noon,** for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the **24th March to 14th April** inclusive.

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INSURANCE ON SHIPS UP 15 PER CENT.

Insurance rates on ships plying Chinese rivers and coastal waters, and their cargoes, are up about 15 per cent. says the "China Press."

In the case of former Chinese vessels now flying the Panamanian, Greek, Italian, or other flags, the vessel is usually granted insurance coverage without any special restriction due to the change of registry.

One Shanghai authority on marine insurance estimated that Lloyds continue to underwrite the same per cent of the total insurance written here as before the beginning of the hostilities.

Ordinary coverage of cargoes in transit ceases immediately the cargo is free of the ship's tackle. In the case of cargo landed north of Soochow Greek, many Shanghai consignees are buying insurance against damage and pilferage covering the cargo until it is landed on the Settlement Bund. Rates vary from one-eighth of one per cent to five cents per $100 for this insurance.

CARGO IN HONG KONG

A pressing problem to local insurance men and consignees is the 17,000 tons of cargo originally destined for Shanghai and now lying at Hong Kong, Singapore, Manila, and the Japanese ports of Dairen, Kobe, and Yokohama.

An insurance man recently returned from a tour of these ports said that he found the stowage of Shanghai cargo in Hong Kong particularly bad, Considerable cargo remains strewn along the waterfront and docks.

At Manila stowage conditions appear better though cargo is piled high and it is difficult and expensive to get at particular consignments. Stowage in Singapore is on the whole good.

In the case of the large shipments of Shanghai-bound cargo now in the Japanese ports conditions of stowage are satisfactory. Consignees, however, are faced with the refusal of the Japanese Government to permit the movement of the cargo to China. Local disposal of the of the cargo in Japan is also prohibited, it is understood. The consignee has no alternative but to continue to pay storage charges or order the cargo shipped to some neutral port.

LIBERTY BOND SALES IN HONG KONG

There will be a very pleasant function in the library of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce at 2.30 this afternoon when prizes and souvenirs will be presented to the many Chinese marchants who have assisted in the sale of Liberty Bonds in Hong Kong during the early part of last month. The figure realised, we understand, is over $110,000.

Mr. Lau King-tsing, the well-known Chinese merchant, was the most successful of the sellers, his sales totalling $24,250. For this he will be awarded a silver shield inscribed with a Liberty Bond. Mr. Lau also won the prize for the highest sales during each day of the campaign and for this he will receive a scroll with four Chinese characters in acknowledgment of his "untiring efforts on behalf of the nation."

Over 200 Chinese merchants, divided into 26 groups and two special groups, took part in the campaign and each one will receive a small souvenir for the work they have put in. The prizes were donated by Mr. Li Sing-kui, chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Mr. J. M. Wong, Mr. Kwok Chun and Mr. Tung Chung-wei.

Mr. Li Sing-kui will give away the awards to-day and it is expected that the function will be attended by most of the Colony's leading Chinese businessmen and others interested in the campaign.

MOTOR COASTER LAUNCHED

The number of vessels built recently by local shipbuilders to the order of the Burns Philp Co. was further augmented yesterday, when the Taikoo Dockyard and Eng. Co. Ltd. launched the single screw motor vessel "Lakatoi". The naming ceremony was carried out by Miss Moira Corrighan, the daughter of Mr. A. Corrighan, the Owners' Superintendent, under whose supervision the "Lakatoi" was constructed.

The vessel, which is classed 100 A.I at Lloyds and complies with the latest Board of Trade requirements, has the following principle dimensions; length B.P. 130'—0", breadth 26'—0" and depth moulded, 10'—3", with a designed load draft of 8'—9", and is of the single deck type with monkey forecastle. The boat and navigating bridge decks are arranged at the after end.

There is accommodation for 12 persons in two-berth cabins of ample dimensions, also a large lounge and dining saloon with seating accommodation for 22 persons at the forward end of the boat deck running across the full breadth of the ship.

The main machinery of the "Lakatoi" comprises a single acting, two-stroke cycle, four cylinder Diesel engine which has been built at the Taikoo Dockyard, under the license of Messrs. Sulzer Bros. Ltd. of Winterthur, and is rated to develop 400 B.H.P. at 300 R.P.M. The vessel will have a loaded mean speed of 10½ knots.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank $1505/10 sa.
Bank of East Asia $80 b.

INSURANCES

China Underwriters $2 b., $1.95/-2.05 sa.

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Atoks Ps. .26 sa.
Baguio Gold Ps. .20 sa.
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Demonstrations Ps. .35½ sa.
L. X. L. Ps. .70 sa.
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San Mauricio Ps. .49½ sa.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. .17 sa.
United Paracales Ps. .41 sa.

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H. K. Lands $36 sa.
H. K. Lands 4% Debentures 100% b.
Chinese Estates $95 b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H. K. Tramways $15.10 b., $15 sa.
Peak Trams (Old) $7 b.
Star Ferries $84 b.
H. K. Electrics $58¾ b., $58½/¾ sa.
Sandakan Lights $14½ b.

INDUSTRIALS

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HOCKEY SEASON DRAWS TO CLOSE

Interport And International Tournament Are Outstanding

LADIES' HOCKEY KEEPS TO SCHEDULE

PITY NO INTERPORT WITH SHANGHAI LADIES

(By "STICKS")

THE hockey season, for both men and women, is fast drawing to a close and with the exception of the Interport against Macao and the International Tournament, the first round of which will take place next Thursday, will have been concluded.

Teams for the first Colony trial to be held on the Club ground, next Sunday morning, bully off at 10.30 a.m. have already been announced and are remarkable for the fact that several new Army players, among the European units, make their debut, the Royal Scots supplying two in Capt. Mackenzie-Kennedy and Lt. Douglass, and the Kumaons one in Capt. Loch.

The teams, which are given elsewhere in these columns, are fairly well balanced, and, although Whites are obviously the Colony eleven, there are possibilities of one or two changes in the defence.

Dobson, of the Royal Engineers, is a potential claimant for the position between the sticks, while Wallace had not been at his best recently. I am sure that Grogan, of the Middlesex Regiment, who is not included in either of the trial teams, is worthy of a trial in view of past performances for the combined United Hockey team and for the Services.

There are no improvements I can suggest to Whites' intermediate or forward lines, which should remain intact even after next Sunday's trial.

GRATIFYING FACT

The International Tournament makes a start next Thursday, weather and grounds permitting, and it is indeed gratifying to learn that both Ireland and Wales have managed to enter teams, although by the "skin of their teeth."

I understand that the Welsh team's strength lies in their defence, Sgt. Morgan, of the Signals, being in goal, while Cpl. Cox, of the same unit, will be at centre-half.

I notice that two Civilians in D. McLellan and Norman Whitley have been included in the Scotland team, which on paper looks very strong, the majority of their players having been drawn from the Royal Scots, while Capt. Loch, who plays for the Kumaon Rifles, will be centre-forward. Flt. Lt. Wallace is skipper off the side, and curiously enough their strongest point is also their defence, although their attack is not to be ignored.

MARQUES GIVEN RECOGNITION

Portugal's team is a fairly strong one, with a grand attack made up of players from the K.I.T.C. and including D. Noronha A. P. Souza, J. M. Pinto, N. Beltrao (Recreio) and C. Pinto. R. Marques, whom I advocated some time ago for an Interport trial, has secured the right-half berth and I am sure that his performance next Thursday will mark him down as a potential interporter as I have rarely, if ever, seen him play a bad game.

China, I hear are very doubtful of entry and it very much looks as if Portugal will be given a walk-over into the Semi-final round. Scotland have received a bye into the Semi-Final Round where they meet Portugal (if China concede a walk-over) and this should provide one of the best matches of the series.

Little has been seen or heard of the Indian team. The India supporters, by the way, are getting quite worried over the selection of their National team.

LADIES' HOCKEY

The Caer Clark Cup and Brawn Cup Ladies' Hockey Leagues have kept to excellent schedule, and the playing off of the match between the Hong Kong Ladies and the St. Andrew's Ladies, to decide the winners of the Southorn Cup, next Saturday, will bring to a conclusion the former tournament. There are one or two outstanding matches in the Junior League, but it is hoped to play these off before the end of this month.

Ladies' hockey this season has suffered from want of new blood in the senior division and the League Championship prospects were more or less cut and dried after the first four encounters. The "Y" Ladies have proved themselves worthy champions, even although they conceded two points to the St. Andrew's Ladies a week ago last Saturday. They must thank their bustling defence and fast and hard-working wing-forwards for their success.

FUTURE OPTIMISTIC

It is indeed a pity that there will be no Ladies' Interport this season, but the Shanghai war has unavoidably made it impossible. The Ladies of both ports are looking forward quite optimistically to the 1938-39 season when they hope to renew acquaintances, and I wish them every success.

The closing match, if they decide

(Continued on Page 19)

Celebrations Cricket Match Finish A Disgrace

Sydney, February 22.—Mr. W. P. Renshaw, life member of the New South Wales Cricket Association, protested last night at a meeting of delegates of the association against the farcical manner in which the 150th Anniversary celebrations match was played.

"If a game is worth playing," said Mr. Renshaw, "it is worth playing up to the hilt. The manner in which the last 40 minutes were played was a disgrace, and steps should be taken to see that a recurrence should not take place. The bowlers deliberately served up 'lolly-pops' and gave the batsmen a chance to win the match from a side which held a clear advantage on the first innings."

The only other delegate to express an opinion was Mr. S. A. Storey (Northern District), who said, "Perhaps we will learn from our mistake—perhaps."

No Reduction In First Class Cricket Counties

ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S PROPOSALS

London, February 22.

The Advisory County Cricket Committee have considered the report of the M.C.C. Commission, which recommended that the 8-ball over be tried out in the 1939 season and a reduction in the number of first-class counties from 17 to 15, either by counties dropping out or by amalgamations, for which a scheme was prepared, enabling approximately 26 fewer inter-county matches and allowing extra representative matches.

It decided to recommend that there should be no reduction in the number of first-class counties. It was decided not to accept the proposal for the establishment of a fund of £20,000 to help necessitous first-class counties, but to suggest that a more definite scheme of financial assistance should be worked out.

The proposed new method of county championship point scoring was accepted. This method includes proposals that the winner should take 12 points instead of 15, that the side leading on the first innings, if it does not win, should get four points, and, if there is no result on the first innings, the match should not be included in the table, thus tending to produce more finished games.

The committee recommended that the gate-money from test matches and trial matches should be distributed with greater benefit to the grounds where they are not played.

It was also decided to recommend that counties should ensure that pitches were not over-prepared.

PRESS COMMENT

The "Manchester Guardian," in a leader supporting the eight-ball over, says: "Some oppose the change on the plea that it will be too exhausting for fast bowlers, yet the eight-ball over has been used successfully for many years in Australia, where the bowler has a much more thankless task. It has also been used regularly by many of the north of England leagues.

Moreover, many bowlers of ripe experience agree that the longer rest between overs more than compensates for the extra strain. It seems that there is reason to believe that Australia's lack of great fast bowlers since the heyday of Gregory and McDonald is due more

to over-preparation of pitches than to the adoption of the eight-ball over. The change would result in more completed matches, which must be achieved if county cricket is not to die peacefully."

ALLEN ADVOCATES

[The eight-ball over has been in operation in Australia for many years, and it operated in all the English team's matches last season. This was a departure from the usual practice, whih was to revert to the six-ball over for English teams' test matches. There had long been a theory in England that the eight-ball over was too severe on bowlers, particularly fast bowlers, and it would now appear that G. O. Allen, captain of the English team here last season, has reported that bowlers were not greatly inconvenienced. Many English officials, who desire to see brighter cricket in England, have become advocates of the eight-ball over, because they realise that it entails much less interruption of play than the six-ball over.]

INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT

The first round of the local International Hockey Tournament will take place next Thursday afternoon, on grounds yet to be notified.

The following is the draw:

FIRST ROUND

Wales v England
Portugal v China
India v Ireland

BYE INTO 2ND ROUND

Scotland

INNINGS VICTORY FOR TEST XI

Bradman And McCabe Score Centuries

Perth, Mar. 21.

The Australian Test team beat Western Australia by an innings and 126 runs, in a match which concluded to-day. O'Reilly took 4 wickets for 65 runs in the first innings and five for 12 in the second.

Centuries from D. G. Bradman and S. J. McCabe enabled Australia to score 391. The scores were:

West Australia: 192 (O'Reilly 4 for 65); and 73 (O'Reilly 5 for 12).

Test Eleven: 391 (D. G. Bradman 102, S. J. McCabe 122).—Reuter.

BRIT. EMPIRE GAMES TIME DISPUTE

T. P. LAVERY'S WORLD RECORD FOR 120 YDS. HIGH HURDLES

ALLEGED HELPED BY FOLLOWING WIND

REQUEST TO GAMES' REFEREE

Sydney, February 15.

THE British Empire Games Federation held an emergency meeting at the farewell party to visiting teams on the Showboat last night, and decided to request Mr. G. E. Langford, referee of the Games athletics events, to reconsider his ruling that the wind had assisted T. P. Lavery, of South Africa, in making his world record of 14 sec. for the 120 yards hurdles on Saturday.

After Lavery had thus broken F. G. Towns's record of 14.1s, Mr. Langford announced his ruling to the Press. This would probably preclude Lavery's time from receiving international recognition as a world record. The practically unanimous opinion of other officials, managers of teams, and newspaper experts was that what wind there was — it scarcely fluttered the flags—blew across the 120 yards hurdles track and did not assist the competitors.

The referee's certificate must accompany all applications for records, and if Mr. Langford agrees to reconsider his ruling it would probably have a favourable effect on the decision of the international body in regard to Larvey's record.

SUPPORT FOR AFRICA

Mr. Emery has submitted in writing his protest to the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia against the decision of Mr. Langford that Lavery had been assisted by the wind.

Mr. Emery said yesterday that he was anxious that the Australian controlling body should deal with the matter as soon as possible. If the decision was against Lavery, the matter would be taken further.

FAIRLY EARNED

Mr. Emery added that he had been assured by managers of various teams, and by others prominently associated with the Empire Games, that they supported him in his view that Lavery's record had been fairly earned. If the matter were taken to the International Amateur Athletic Federation he would have the written statements of the managers and others to support his case.

The international rules provide that applications for world's records must be supported by at least six officials, on affidavit, certifying to the place, time of day, state of weather, condition of track or field, force and direction of wind, level or gradient of ground, and the correctness of the announced time. A world's record must first be verified by the country in which it was made, in the same way as it verified records of its own athletes.

ABSENCE OF A JURY

In view of the unfortunate position that has arisen, it is now all the more regrettable that the Amateur Athletic Union of Australia did not see fit to accede to the request of visiting officials that a jury to supervise the athletics events should be appointed. It is understood that Mr. Langford, who is the president of the Amateur Athletic Union, was one of those who opposed the appointment of a jury.

HOCKEY

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to hold it, will be the Champions versus the Rest and on current form the "Y" Ladies should more than hold their own against a picked side. As a suggestion for the Rest team, I would select the following:

Miss June Hall or Miss D. Moss (goal); Miss G. White and Miss B. Helbling (full-backs); Mrs. Littlejohn (nee Jean Dalziel), Miss I. Woolley and Miss B. Pope; Miss F. Wong, Miss W. Marsh, Mrs. Scrimgeour, Miss P. Gittins and Miss D. Hunt.

England have selected a very strong team, with a fast attack and sound defence in which the Services are well represented.

The team is:

DOBSON (R.E.)

STICKLEY (MIDDLESEX)

ROBINSON (R.A.F.)

WETTON (R.E.)

BROWN (POLICE)

GUEST (RADIO)

S. FOWLER (CLUB)

G. H. FOWLER (C.R.A.)

G. E. R. DIVETT (CLUB)

DUNNE (MIDDLESEX)

V. C. BOND (CLUB).

It will been from the above that the Club are well represented in the attack, while Stickley and Wetton, in the defence, are potential Interporters.

England meet Wales next Thursday and should win, although it would be folly indeed to take their opponents too lightly.

1878 TEST SURVIVOR AT ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Mr. T. W. Garrett, the sole survivour of the Australian team which toured England in 1878, was cheered by the crowd at the Sydney Cricket Ground on February 19 when he bowled the first ball in the 150th Anniversary celebrations match. The ball was played by K. E. Rigg. Mr. Garrett was applauded as he walked from the field, escorted by the two captains, Rigg and S. J. McCabe.

WEEK-END FOOTBALL PROGRAMME

The following are the football fixtures for the week-end.

SATURDAY

Senior Shield (Semi-final)

S. China "A" v Middlesex
(Kowloon, 4 p.m.).
Referee:—Sidebottom.
Linesmen:—Kossick and Barton.

Junior Shield (Semi-final)

Ordnance v Navy
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.).
Referee:—Ip.
Linesmen:—Farr and Silva.

First Division

Club v Kowloon
(Club, 4.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Richards.
Linesmen:—Edwards and F. W. Smith.

Police v St. Joseph's
(Military, 4.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Martin.
Linesmen:—Dredge and McIlgrew.

Second Division

(Games brought forward from 9-4-38)

Club v Royal Scots
(Club, 3 p.m.).
Referee:—Dove.

Police v South China
(Military 3 p.m.).
Referee:—Johns.

Eastern v Middlesex
(St. Joseph's 3 p.m.).
Referee:—Salter.

Engineers (C.) v 5th A.A. Bde. R.A.
(St. Joseph's 4.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Havelaar.

SUNDAY

Senior Shield (Semi-final)

S. China "B" v Navy
(Club, 4 p.m.).
Referee:—Finch.
Linesmen:—MacCormac and Ottoway.

Junior Shield (Semi-final)

P. S. Assoc. v Kwong Wah
(Kowloon, 4 p.m.).
Referee:—Goss.
Linesmen:—Rees and Clarke.

INTERPORT HOCKEY TRIAL NEXT SUNDAY

The annual Hong Kong and Macao Interport Hockey match will probably take place on either the Club or Royal Navy ground, on Sunday, April 17, and the following are next Sunday's Interport trial teams, bully-off on the Club ground at 10.30 a.m.

Whites: — K. Ramzan (K.L.T.C.); Flt. Lt. Wallace (R.A.F.), Stickley (Middlesex); Wetton (R.E.), W. A. Reed (Club), M. R. Malik (K.L.T.C.); S. A. Fowler (Club), T. Whitley (Club), Lt. Pritam Nath (Rajputs), Pyara Singh (K.L.T.C.), Partaub Singh (Kumaons).

Colours:—Dobson (R.E.); A. E. P. Guest (Radio), J. Gonsalves (Recreio); Neave (R. Scots), Gulam Rasal (Rajputs), Narain Singh (Rajputs); Capt. Mackenzie-Kennedy (R. Scots), Lt. Douglass (R. Scots), Capt. Loch (Kumaons), J. M. Pinto (K.L.T.C.), Gopal Ram (Rajputs).

Reserves:—Lt. Chattey (Middlesex) and Lt. Saval Khan (Rajputs) (forwards), M. H. Hassan (Radio) and Sgt. Robinson (R.A.F.) (half-backs) and Dr. E. L. Gosano (full-back).

SPORTS POSTPONED

Owing to the ground being water-logged by the sudden rainfall yesterday, the annual sports meeting of St. Paul's College, which has to have been held on the South China Athletic Association ground, was postponed until tomorrow.

INTER-HONG SOCCER

An inter-Hong football match between Gibb, Livingston and the Hong Kong Electric Chinese employees was played on Sunday, resulting in a win for the former by five goals to one. H. D. Bidwell and C. Santos shared the goals for the winners, while Lo Hon-cheung was responsible for the Electric's solitary reply.

Little Frankie Langley is certainly making a name for himself as a horseman. Following his fine performance in the sports last year, he was easily the outstanding competitor in the Hong Kong Riding School's meeting last Sunday. He carried off no fewer than five cups.

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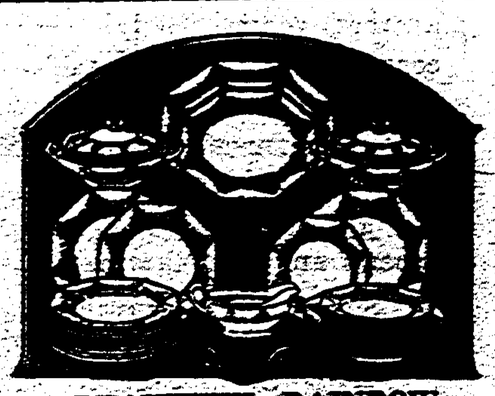

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WARNING NOTICES AT FULHAM F.C. GROUND

Directors Rebuked

London, February 10.

As the result of incidents alleged to have taken place after the London Combination match between Fulham Reserves and Millwall Reserves at Fulham, on December 25, Fulham F.C. has been ordered to post warning notices to spectators at its ground.

This was revealed in the minutes of the Disciplinary Committee of the Football Association, issued yesterday. The committee's statement reads:

"The referee reported that missiles were thrown by spectators at the conclusion of the match, and that three of the Fulham directors made remarks alleging that full time had not been played. The committee decided that the Fulham club be informed:

A RULING

That the referee is the official timekeeper, and whether full time was played or not the match must be regarded as completed.

That notices warning spectators must be posted at the ground.

That the three directors were indiscreet in their actions.

WILL CANADA MEET JAPAN?

Montreal, February 14.

Mr. R. N. Watt, president, announces that the Canadian Tennis Association will decide on Saturday whether Canada will play Japan in the first round of the Davis Cup.

PARIS COVERED COURT TENNIS TITLES

C. E. Hare And Miss Scriven Record Victories

Paris, February 16.—In the French International Covered Court Championships C. E. Hare beat H. Bolleli, the young Frenchman, 6-4, 1-6, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4. He entered the third round with K. Schroeder (Sweden), C. Boussus, B. Destremeau, and P. Feret (France).

Miss Scriven easily entered the third round of the women's singles. Miss Joan Saunders beat Mme. Kleinedel (France), 6-3, 4-6, 6-0, and Miss M. Hardwick beat Mlle. Barbier (France), 9-7, 3-6, 6-0.

SCOTTISH CUP SEMI-FINALS

London, To-day.

The following is the result of the draw for the semi-finals of the Scottish Cup, made at Glasgow to-day:

St. Bernard's v. East Fife or Raith.

(At Tynecastle Park, Edinburgh)

Kilmarnock or Ayr v. Rangers (At Hampden Park, Glasgow).

The result of the draw ensures that a Second Division team will contest the final, and Rangers, who have had an unexpectedly bad league season are confidently regarded as eventual winners of the trophy. — Reuter.

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CORNWALL'S BAD LUCK IN RUGBY CLASSIC

WINNERS' ADVANTAGE BEHIND SCRUM

(By PETER LAWLESS)

London, February 7.

Surrey beat Cornwall at the Richmond Athletic ground, in the semi-final of the County Rugby Championship by a penalty goal and two tries (9 points) to nil and so reached the final for the first time since 1896.

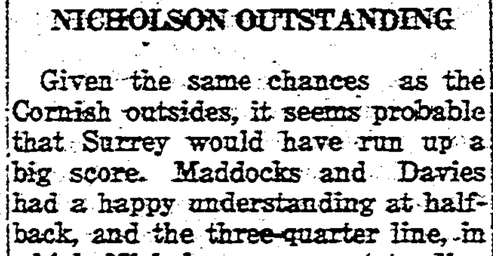
If the better side won, Cornwall had all the worst of the luck. Faviell, the one outside of any speed, was injured early on as he made a brilliant flying tackle; in the ninth minute of the second half Rule, the stand-off half, left the field with a damaged shoulder; ten minutes from no side Curnow, captain and full-back, was led off concussed. Add a penalty goal in the first minute of the game and you have Cornwall's inventory of misfortune.

Outside, Surrey had speed, mobility and construction, and in comparison Cornwall appeared cumbersome and mainly destructive. Forward, the winning pack towered over their opponents, but they pack high and singularly failed to get possession in the tight scrums. A second half readjustment, with Jenkins changing places with Almond in the front row, brought some improvement, but Semmens was the master till the end.

NICHOLSON OUTSTANDING

Given the same chances as the Cornish outsides, it seems probable that Surrey would have run up a big score. Maddocks and Davies had a happy understanding at half-back, and the three-quarter line, in which Nicholson was outstanding with clever, penetrative running, were always moving towards the line.

Rule, the Cornish stand-off, kicked accurately, but as a potential scoring machine the Cornish back division were disappointing, their handling with the dry ball being surprisingly inept. But the whole team tackled grimly, and until casualties thinned the ranks it was an extremely solid front they turned to the foe. Vibart, Richards and Selwood were as good as any in the

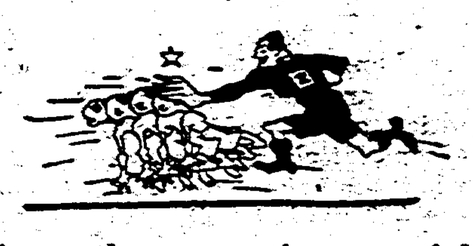


loose. Couchman was the most prominent forward on the field and did some capital work in opening up the game. Garrett was a most effective blind-side policeman, while Hamilton-Hill and Davis carried out their respective jobs with life and intelligence.

COUCHMAN'S GOAL

The fervour of Cornish supporters was early checked, for in the opening minute Couchman gave Surrey the lead with a penalty goal, for feet-up, from 40 yards out.

Surrey's 3-4-1 pack could not get the ball, but poor Cornish handling spoilt move after move, and punting and scrummaging occupied most of the time. Twice Jennings failed with penalty kicks; Suter went near with a drop; then the Cornish excitement rose to frenzy. Knowles ran cleverly and punted ahead; Suter fumbled, was caught, but managed to get the ball to Drooglever, who cleared to end Surrey's most perilous period. Just before half-time the Surrey line moved to attack, but Drooglever failed to hold the final pass.



DECISIVE MINUTE

The eighth minute of the second half was the decisive one of the match, Surrey scoring and Rule being hurt. Curnow, who had kicked and fielded well, was beaten by a bounce, and in the scramble Garrett shot out a blind-side pass to Nicholson, who beat the defence with a hand-off and side-step. Drooglever failed with the kick.

Selwood came out of the Cornish pack and took the place of May, who went to stand-off in place of Rule. Jennings, whose 61st county match this was, failed with another penalty; then Harrison sent Nicholson away to beat his opposite number, punt ahead, gather and score. There was no kick, for the energetic Briggs dashed out and bewildered Couchman and Maddocks, who, presumably, were expecting "No charge."

Surrey:—O. W. Suter (O. Cranleighans); W. G. S. Johnston (Richmond), J. Harrison (Army, Rosslyn Pk.), B. E. Nicholson (Harlequins), R. F. Drooglever (O. Haileyburians); G. H. Davies (L. Welsh), J. S. Maddocks (L. Welsh); W. M. Frost (K.C.S. Old Boys), P. W. Seligman (Rosslyn Park), R. G. P. Almond (Oxford Univ., Richmond), S. R. Couchman (O. Cranleighans), J. G. Jenkins (Harlequins), J. A. Davis (L. Welsh), L. H. Garrett (capt.) (Rosslyn Park), E. A. Hamilton-Hill (Harlequins).

Cornwall:—H. Curnow (Redruth); R. J. Knowles (Camborne), L. May (Camborne), R. Jennings (Redruth), H. L. Faviell (Redruth); S. Rule (Redruth), G. H. Briggs (Hornets); S. Vibart (Camborne), L. Semmens (Redruth), F. Roberts (Redruth), A. L. Richards (Plymouth Alb.), J. C. M. Pill (Plymouth Alb.), C. Selwood (Camborne), G. Robins (Redruth), R. Ockwell (Falmouth).

Referee: T. C. Atkinson (Yorkshire).

THE AUSTRALIANS CRICKET TOUR

AUSTRALIAN WRITER REVIEWS CITIES AND GROUNDS

Does Not Think Much Of Lord's Pitch

LACE, CIGARETTES AND LARWOOD!

(By GEOFFREY TEBBUTT)

(The writer toured England with the 1930 and 1934 Australian teams).

Sydney, February 19.

IN Melbourne next Friday there will assemble, under the leadership of a stockbroker the schoolmaster, the journalist, the taxi-driver, the sports ground curator, the jeweller, the commercial traveller, the carrier, the three clerks, and the five salesmen who, for the next eight months, will be public figures as the representatives in England of Australian cricket. With the exception of Sundays and 12 other days of rest, they will be playing cricket in England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, continuously from April 30 to September 17.

Drowsing in cathedralled Worcester, celebrated for sauce, gloves, pottery, and the defeat of Charles II, by Cromwell in 1651, has become standardised as the stage where the curtain lifts upon the Australian tour. Upon what happens there on April 30, May 2 and 3—though the Australians have made a habit of finishing this match in two days—the more excitable critics will go through their favourite mental exercise of jumping to conclusion about what is going to happen in the Test matches.

It is a pity that there is cricket on all three day at Oxford, with its poems in stone, its lawns that have been rolled for centuries, its gloriously ancient inns, its exudation of accumulated wisdom. In the match against the University on the Christ Church ground there will be players in magnificent caps, including those of the Harlequins.

A little way across country to industrial Leicester, cold and bleak. Warwick Armstrong, even with his ample natural protection, wrapped strips of brown paper around his body below his several sweaters to keep warm there in 1921. The aftermatch of the 1934 match was an increase in the Australians' influenza sick list.

HISTORIC LORD'S

After Cambridge, where, on the broad piece of parkland beside the hotel at which the Australians stay, Jack Hobbs first played cricket, comes the first match appearance "in town"—against the M.C.C., at Lord's. To be able fully to appreciate Lord's, one needs a proper respect for ancient monuments. This Mecca of the game and the seat of the lawmakers whose writ runs throughout cricketing civilisation is technically below the standard of any Australian Test ground.

The wicket slopes downhill and to the side, there is only one sightboard; not infrequently batsmen have to appeal for the closing of doors and windows in the pavilion, so that they can get a sight of the bowler's arm; the outfield is by no means the best in England, the odd-shaped boundary is roped off and spectators sometimes get inside the ropes, the score-boards are obsolete.

Yet Lord's is a magnificent survival. In the big pavilion is a valuable collection of cricketing relics. Lord's is a slice of England. Progress there is made under protest. It has fashion, decorum, an air of its own. An illuminating day can be spent there without looking at the cricket.

A CHEERLESS PLACE

Up to Northampton, a cheerless place where boots and hats are made, and back to Kennington Oval. A certain liveliness sometimes is to be noted among the hoarse South London crowds. With enormous gasholders beside it, the Oval is unprepossessing. For strictly cricketing purposes, it is a better ground than Lord's though it, too, has only one sightboard.

There is nothing stately about the Oval: it is the sporting outlet for choker-wearing little Cockneys, whose hero is 'Obbs, who sometimes are capable of a demonstration to remind Australians of home.

Down to busy, ship-proud Southampton, for the match against Hampshire, then a second appearance at Lord's to meet Middlesex.

The Australians will go on June 1 to Bristol, a stately city which benefits from some of the millions left by successive Wills. In Gloucestershire, no conversation is complete without reference to W. G. Grace.

Then to Southend, in the Thames Estuary, which is supposed to have bracing air, and whose pier and mudflats are stock music-hall jokes.

FIRST TEST AT NOTTINGHAM

To Nottingham for the first Test. Lace and cigarettes and Larwood are the best-known products of Nottingham, whose natives know their cricket.

Nottingham has a town clock dreaded by residents in the hotel opposite. In 1934, earnest representations by the Australian manager had it stopped during some of the normal hours of sleep—a feat which shows how much more important Test players are than ordinary travellers.

"... v Gentlemen of England, at Lord's," is the next fixture. The M.C.C. selectors will produce eleven of the cricketers who are entitled to first-class expenses (as against the professionals' third-class) and the use of their initials.

To Manchester, noted for having the most Australian-like ground in England. Manchester people are both hospitable and quickwitted.

The second Test, at Lord's and then up to Derbyshire, a county of squat miners with bow-legs, for the match at Chesterfield, its ground in a handsome park overlooked by the grossly warped steeple of a church.

CITY OF FOUNDRIES

Sheffield, its foundries flourishing with the armament boom, is a bad dream of smoke and clangour and industrial horrors. The city is ringed by lovely moors, to which is citizens flee at week-ends. Yorkshire is met there, and Yorkshiremen, players and spectators, are full of character and broad wit.

Manchester again this time for the third Test; to Birmingham, which has a pleasant cricket ground at Edgbaston.

A fine city, it has enthusiasm for both the drama and politics, and gave England Joseph Chamberlain and his son, the present Prime Minister.

Back to Nottingham, and then the fourth Test, at Leeds, where the crowds are large, vigorous, and intelligent, though the ground is unlovely and the outfield undulating. Quarters for Leeds are at Harrogate, where invalids "take the waters," and around whose pleasant streets one may be wheeled in chairs at so much an hour.

AMONG TOMBSTONES

Taunton, in green and peaceful Somerset, is pleasant after the grim North; it is always an amiable kind of a match there. Enterprising batsmen hope to put a "sixer" over the pavilion and among the tombstones behind it. Then to Swansea, where they make a gallant effort to stage-manage the game.

Matches at Glasgow and Dundee. Then south-bound to industrial Sunderland in Durham, a return visit to the Oval, down to lovely old Canterbury, where there are genuine unmistakable hop in the beer, a match against the Army, at Aldershot, a day's rest, and then the last Test.

On goes the inexorable programme. The match-weary players, by now taking it as no reflection if they are left out of the team, go down to seaside Brighton, to entertain the holiday crowd, up to Lancashire's Blackpool to meet an England XI (which may mean something very like a Test match).

NO RISKS ADVISED

Back to South Coast Folkestone's pretty, panoramic ground for another England XI, up to the East Coast cliffs of Scarborough, where Mr. H. D. G. Leveson-Gower's strong XI means that no unnecessary risk can be taken.

Over to Ireland, which we must now call Eire, to meet the Gentlemen of Eire in a fixture revived from pre-war days. To stern Belfast, in the other Ireland, for an inconsequential thirty-sixth and last match, and with home-sickness becoming more and more acute, cricket bags are packed until the return of the heroes for a new season.

C. V. GRIMMETT "NOT CONSIDERING OFFER"

London, February 19.—C. V. Grimmett, the former test representative, said yesterday that he was not considering any offer from a Lancashire league cricket club.

"All I know about these reports," said Grimmett, "is that some time ago I received a message from the agent of a Lancashire league club asking me whether I would be interested in an offer from England. I told him that I would not be interested. Later, I received a cablegram from England suggesting that I might consider an offer; but I did not take any action at that time, and at the moment I have no intention of doing so."

CRICKET LOSS TO AUSTRALIA

V. E. JACKSON FOR ENGLAND

SIR JULIEN CAHN'S TEAM

Sydney, Australia.

Australia has lost the services of another of its promising young all-round cricketers. Victor E. Jackson followed the example of J. G. Lush in signing a contract to play with Sir Julien Cahn's private team for three years.

Jackson was approached by Sir Julien's international agent, Mr. A. G. Fairfax, after R. G. Gregory (Victoria) had declined the offer, and yesterday final arrangements were made for Jackson's departure.

Jackson will leave Sydney by the Moreton Bay on March 5 with Lush.

Sir Julien Cahn has a collection of international players in his team, which plays in England in the summer and tours during the English winter. Proposed tours by the team in the next three years are to New Zealand, British East Africa, and probably Canada. Some of the prominent players in the team are C. S. Dempster and R. C. Blunt (New Zealand), D. P. Morkel and R. Crisp (South Africa), and L. A. R. Peebles and R. W. V. Robins (England). Two New South Wales colts, H. Mudge and J. E. Walsh, joined the team last year.

JACKSON'S CAREER

Victor Jackson, who is 21 years of age, is a right-hand forcing batsman and a right-hand medium-pace bowler. He first came into prominence late in 1934 during a colt's tour of northern New South Wales and Queensland. The following season he represented New South Wales in a second elevens' match against Victoria, scoring 94 and 104, and taking three wickets. It was not until last season that Jackson gained his State blazer, and he played in one match against England, scoring 42 and 10, and all Sheffield Shield matches, for a total aggregate of 351. He was also third in the bowling averages for the State.

Jackson began this season by taking all ten wickets in an innings in a grade match, following this with 146. He was picked for the Richardson-Grimmett testimonial match, and although he did not perform well with the bat, he impressed the selectors with his fine bowling, taking two wickets for 31 off 17 overs. This, with a 63 against New Zealand, put him in the running for the Australian team, but he developed leg trouble, and was forced to withdraw from Sheffield Shield matches. On his return to interstate fixtures he scored 63 against South Australia, and followed with 18 and 11 not out in the final Shield match of the season against Victoria.

STYLISH BAT

Jackson is a stylish and powerful batsman, possessing a great drive. When in form he is a daring player, and is not afraid to loft the ball into the outfield off any type of bowling. He is a versatile bowler. When opening the bowling he generally relies on swing, which he does as well as any in Australia. He is one of the few who can swing considerably either way. When the ball has lost its shine he resorts to spin. Although he does not turn the ball much, he varies his pace judiciously, and occasionally brings into action a disconcerting ball which drops suddenly.

The English atmosphere should help his swing, and the wickets should assist his spin. His great knowledge of back-play will be a decided advantage to his batting. Jackson is an excellent field with a powerful and accurate throw. His interstate career at baseball has helped in this.

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La Tarantelle De Belphegor (Roch Albert).
Malaguena (From 'Boabdil'—Moskowski—arr. Lake).
Silver Jubilee—March (R. Letts).
The Crusader March (B. W. O'Donnell)....Band cond. by B. Walton O'Donnell.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Variety.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Rotary Talk: Speech relayed from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel. Speaker: M. F. Key, Esq., Subject: "The New Game Of Commercial 'Snakes & Ladders'—a light-hearted account of Imperial Preference and Textile Quotas Legislation."
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.
A Thousand And One Nights (Johann Strauss)..... Felix Weingartner conducting the British Symphony Orchestra.
Dance Of The Fairies (Willy Rosenthal); Lovely To Kiss (S. Dicker) .....Orchestra Mascotte.
7.15 p.m.—Marek Weber And His Orchestra.
Viennese Memories Of Lehar (Arr. Henry Hall); Drinking Song (Schumann).....Orch. with Male Quartet.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—'All Kinds Of People'—6: 'A Personal Memory of King Albert of the Belgians' by Emile Cammaerts, C.B.E. (Professor of Belgian Studies and Institutions in the University of London).
7.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
7.50 p.m.—Songs by Tino Rossi (Tenor).
Bella Ragazzina (from, 'Au Son Des Guitares').
Loin Des Guitares (from, 'Au Son Des Guitares').
Un Violin Dans La Nuit (from, 'Parade Du Monde').
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Violin Solos.
The Fountain Of Arethusa (From 'Myths'—Szymanowsky—Op. 30); Flight Of The Bumble Bee (Rimsky-Korsakov—Arr. Hartmann); Pastorale (Stravinsky).....Joseph Szigeti with Nikita de Magaloff at the Piano.
Piece En Forme-D'Habanera (Ravel Le Duc); Study In Thirds (Scriabin—Op. 8, No. 10—Arr. Szigeti) ....Joseph Szigeti with Nikita de Magaloff at the Piano.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay — 'Village Wooing'. A comdeiettina for two voices by George Bernard Shaw. The characters are A, a literary looking pale gentleman under forty, and B, a young woman presentable but not aristocratic. The three conversations take place on the lounge-deck of a pleasure-ship and in a village shop on the Wiltshire Downs. Production by John Richmond.
9 p.m.—George Formby, Gracie Fields, Murgatroyd & Winterbottom, Billy Mayerl, etc., in a Variety Programme.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Mozart—Concerto In D Major K. 537 ('Coronation'). Played by Wanda Landowska (Piano) with Chamber Orchestra (Leader Jean Pougnet) conducted by Walter Goehr.
10.23 p.m.—Mozart Songs. Don Giovanni (Act 1. 'Madamina').....F. Ollendorff (Bass) with Piano accompaniment.
10.30 p.m.—Light Orchestral & Variety
11 p.m.—Close down.

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11.45 a.m.—The Viani Sextet.
12.15 a.m.—'Village Wooing.' A comedietina for two voices, by George Bernard Shaw.
1 p.m.—Syncopated Music for the Pianoforte.
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2.40 p.m.—'A Sunny Morning.' A comedy.
2.55 p.m.—Violoncello Recital.
3.15 p.m.—Programme of Irish Music.
4 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—Light Orchestral Interlude.
4.30 p.m.—'The Melody Is There.'
5 p.m.—Close down.

BRIDGE NOTES — By ELY CULBERTSON

Bidding Two-Suited Hands

HANDS that contain two biddable suits vary from the 100-per-center with a 7-6-0-0 distribution—the real dyed-in-the-wool two-suiter — to the much more 4-4-3-2 type of hand, which crops up a score of times for every once that a genuine two-suiter of, say, a 6-5-1-1 distribution occurs. Thus both of the two following hands can be described as two-suiters, though it is usual to describe hands of the No. 2 type as "partial two-suiters":—

No. 1	No. 2
S—K Q 9 7 4 3	S—4 3
H—None	H—A Q J 7
D—A J 10 8 6 2	D—J 7 2
C—5	C—A K 9 6

The bidding of two-suited hands and partial two-suiters — the latter the more important because of the frequent occurrence of such hands—has become much more scientific within the last two or three years. Formerly it was simply a matter of bidding the higher-ranking suit on the first round, and then bidding the lower-ranking suit at the next opportunity.

Here are two examples:—

(1)	(2)
S—A 10 7 6 2	S—None
H—7	H—K J 10 9 2
D—A Q J 4 3	D—5 4 3
C—8 6	C—A K 4 3 2

A few years ago the opening bid on Hand 1 would have been "One Spade," followed by a bid in Diamonds—"Three Diamonds," if partner's first response was "Two Hearts," Similarly, on Hand 2, the Heart suit would have been bid before the Clubs.

But, in modern usage, the bidding of two-suited hands is conditioned by the principle of anticipation. In other words, before making his opening bid a player should ask himself, "What is my partner's response likely to be?"

In the case of the hands given above, there is much more chance of partner having strength in the opening bidder's two weak suits rather than trump support. So, on Hand 1, the opening bid should be "One Diamond," not "One Spade." Now, if partner holds Hearts, he can respond with "One Heart," and the Spade suit can be shown at a level of "One" also. This is much safer bidding than having to show the second suit at a level of "Three," only to discover, when it may be too late, that there is no real fit in the two hands.

Take this example:—

NORTH
WEST EAST
S—A J 6 3 2 S—10
H—7 2 H—K J 9 8 4
D—A Q 10 4 3 D—9 2
C—6 C—A 10 7 5 3
SOUTH

The "old" bidding might have been:—

West	North	East	South
1S.	No	2H.	No
3D.	No	4C.	No

What is West to do at that stage of the bidding? It would be suicidal to rebid Diamonds or Spades. No Trumps is out of the question, and a preference bid of "Four Hearts" would almost inevitably be doubled and end in the loss of many points.

By opening with "One Diamond," however, to which East will respond with "One Heart," the subsequent exchange of information is made much less dangerous. Here is the modern bidding for these hands:—

West	North	East	South
1D.	No	1H.	No
1S.	No	2C.	No

At that stage West can make a partial sign-off of "Two Diamonds" or "Two Hearts"—the latter merely showing a preference for Hearts over Clubs. But the important point is that the reverse method of bidding adopted by West enables him and his partner to discover the non-fit at a level of "Two." In this way there is little chance of disaster, and no chance of a major disaster.

The corollary to the modern method of bidding a moderate two-suiter—with, say, 2½-3 honour-tricks and a 5-5-2-1 distribution—is that the bidding of the higher ranking suit first can be used to show extra values. This order of suit-showing should be used only with hands that are almost strong enough for an opening forcing bid of "Two."

Here are two examples:—

(1)	(2)
S—Q J 10 8 7	S—None
H—Q	H—K Q 10 9 6
D—A K J 4 2	D—A Q 2
C—A 2	C—A 7 6 5 4

Open with "One Spade" on Hand 1. The bidding of Diamonds later will tell partner of the extra values held. On hand 2 open with "One Heart," showing the extra values by bidding Clubs at the next opportunity.

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Hong Kong, 4th March, 1938.

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The announcement, which follows repeated attempts by the Japanese to stop foreign shipping, mainly British, from plying in the Yangtse and other areas, "owing to the danger," stated that in future all foreign vessels must obtain special permits from the Japanese authorities before being allowed to enter Chinese waters or ports under Japanese control.

Vessels attempting to enter these areas without this special permit, the spokesman added, would render themselves liable to confiscation by the Japanese.

Subjected to a barrage of questions by foreign news correspondents, the spokesman evaded more definite statements, merely adding that the measure "is only of a temporary nature."

The opinion exists in foreign circles that the step is an effort by the Japanese to see how far they can go.—Our Own Correspondent.

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CHINESE ESCAPE "TRAP"

Shanghai, To-day.

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